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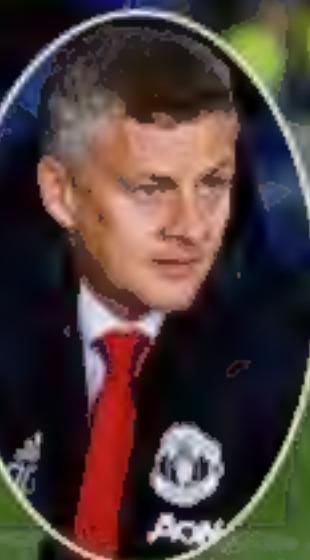
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The hero of Notre Dame revealed

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BRAVE Fr Fournier



DEVASTATION
Charred debris
In the cathedral

IRELAND FOOTBALL SCANDAL

FAIMONEY PROBE

Cops to be called in as board steps down

BY FERGAL BLANEY

CORPORATE watchdog cops
must immediately head for FAI
headquarters to probe its
finances, TDs have demanded.

The call came as it emerged the
entire board is to step down with
auditors revealing the association's
books are not in order.

After learning of Deloitte's
damning findings, Sport Ireland
chairman Kieran Mulvey said: "This
changes everything."

Outraged Sports Committee
members want a "forensic report"
to be carried out by the Office of the
Director of Corporate Enforcement.

Their call was echoed by
Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, who said:
"Investigations are necessary."

"The objective must be to restore
confidence in how the FAI is
being run."

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EYE OF
THE STORM
FAI offices

THE WEATHER



TODAY

Dry with spells of sunshine. Moderate winds

A dry day with plenty of cloud. Ulster will be overcast for much of the day before some late sunshine. Elsewhere, it will start largely cloudy, although sunny spells will develop in the late afternoon. Moderate southeasterly winds.

OUTLOOK

Dry, largely sunny and increasingly warm

Tomorrow will be dry and sunny with patchy cloud in the north and south. Friday will be dry and warm with long spells of sunshine.

HIGH WATER: Belfast (10.17, 22.53) Dublin (10.52, 23.24) Galway (04.19, 16.47) London Bridge (00.39, 13.10) Liverpool (10.22, 22.53) Aberdeen (00.31, 12.41) Cardiff (06.11, 18.43)

ABROAD

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Athens	F	15 59	Madrid	F	18 64
Barcelona	F	17 63	Malaga	S	17 63
Benidorm	F	19 66	Malta	S	17 63
Biarritz	S	15 59	Miami	C	28 82
Costa Brava	C	15 59	Nice	F	16 61
Crete	C	16 61	Paris	DR	11 52
Ibiza	C	17 63	Sydney	F	22 72
Larnaca	SH	20 68	Tenerife	S	21 70

S Sun, C Cloud, F Fair, SH Shower, R Rain, DR Drizzle, FG Fog, SN Snow, TH Thunder

SUNRISE: 06.01

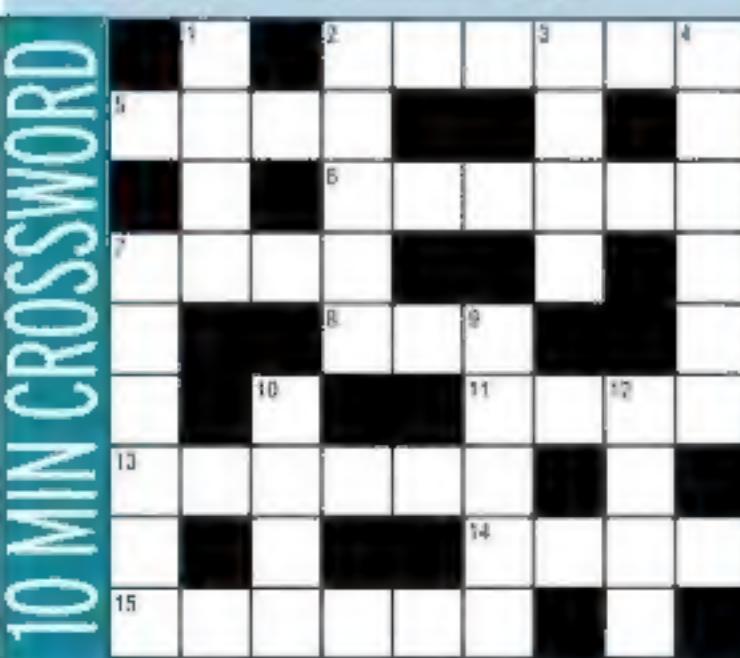
SUNSET: 20.00

WARMEST: Belmullet 16C (61F)

COLDEST: Lough Fea 7C (45F)

WETTEST: Johnstown Castle 0.59ins

SUNNIEST: Sherkin Island 9.4hrs



ACROSS

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- 5 Exclamation of surprise (4)
- 6 Igloo dweller (6)
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- 11 Borrowed sum (4)
- 13 Minor matters (6)
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- 15 High-kicking Parisian dance (6)
- 1 Asian desert (4)
- 2 West End musical (5)
- 3 Jimmy, - actor (4)
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- 7 European sea (6)
- 9 Clear (5)
- 10 Potter's oven (4)
- 12 Declare (4)

TUESDAY'S SOLUTIONS ACROSS: 6 Maori, 7 Kin, 11 Agreement, 13 Implicate, 18 Emu, 19 Irate. **DOWN:** 1 Emma, 2 Dour, 3 Five, 4 Skye, 5 Gnat, 9 Gem, 10 Ed, 11 Mac, 12 Net, 13 Ibis, 14 Pout, 15 Iris, 16 Alas, 17 Epee.

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GRIEF Wife Breda is consoled

Farewell to parade hero

MUCH-LOVED Paddy Finlay was given a unique send-off yesterday as The Monster Mash blared out before his funeral.

Better known as Paddy "Drac", he was a well-known Dublin figure who marched in the St Patrick's Day parade dressed as Dracula for 50 years.

Paddy died on Saturday after a short battle with cancer. His widow Breda led mourners at St Dominic's Church in Tallaght.



TRIBUTE Paddy Finlay's funeral in Dublin yesterday



BY CLAIRE MURPHY
of Paddy Finlay
Died 19th April 2019

It's climate to make change

CLIMATE change must be top of the agenda for the European Parliament, an MEP claimed yesterday.

Sinn Fein's Lynn Boylan said: "The next 12 years will be instrumental in determining the future of our planet."

"Ireland and the EU need to significantly step up their commitments."

Gambling up for discussion

GAMBLING regulation will be discussed by the Joint Committee on Justice and Equality today.

Chairman Caolmhaigh O Caolain TD said: "In recent years there have been enormous changes including in the area of online betting."

"The regulation must move with the times."



Fishing for more funds

INLAND Fisheries Ireland announced a new funding call for 2019 yesterday, with three schemes now open.

TD Sean Canney said: "The fisheries resource should be enjoyed by all and this funding call today once more will help bring angling to the broader community."

Loans firm is outed fast..

AN unauthorised firm was outed yesterday by the Central Bank of Ireland.

Fast Loans Ireland is advertising the availability of loans on its website and is claiming to be regulated but it holds no authorisation as a retail credit firm.

There is no connection with the company whose CRO number it has cloned.



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Arranmore island gets connected by Three

BY AILBHE DALY

AN island was connected with state-of-the-art technology yesterday.

Three Ireland launched its partnership with Arranmore, which is 5km off the coast of Donegal, which will help the local community create

business and employment opportunities.

The broadband solution has also been installed in the medical centre which will allow services such as video consultations with doctors on the mainland, saving patients a four-hour

round trip to Letterkenny or overnight trip to Dublin.

Eoin MacManus of Three Ireland said: "We know how connectivity can transform lives and businesses, and we are delighted to bring this connectivity to Arranmore."

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SO DARK Eddison Tollett

Thrones fans take dim view of its lighting

EXCLUSIVE

BY TOM BRYANT

THE long-awaited final series of Game of Thrones is leaving fans in the dark – thanks to dim lighting.

The first episode drew complaints that it was too dark to watch the action.

One fan, Leon O'Sullivan, said: "There was a good two-minute period where, if there weren't subtitles saying 'Footsteps' I would have thought my TV had turned itself off."

Another annoyed viewer said: "I understand your moody thematic lighting but I can't f***ing see."

Most gripes were over a scene where a group led by Eddison Tollett found Lord Ned Umber dead.

The episode, in which Sansa Stark met Daenerys Targaryen, has been watched by 3.4million Sky Atlantic viewers so far.



FEELINGS Kevin & Stacey

Stacey's pals 'baffled' over Kev romance

BY TOM BRYANT

STACEY Dooley's pals have said they are "baffled" by her romance with Strictly Come Dancing professional Kevin Clifton.

They felt she would be the "last person on earth" to have a Strictly romance.

One said: "Stacey thought the idea was a total cliche and a bit naff."

"It just goes to show how strong her feelings are for Kevin to let this happen."

Photos yesterday showed Stacey, 32, and Kevin, 36, going into a Birmingham hotel minutes apart in January after he went to support Stacey on the Strictly tour in the city.

Before going on Strictly last year, Stacey laughed off its "curse" and said boyfriend Sam Tucknott, 30, "trusts me 100% and there's no reason not to".

They split in December.

LOS ANGELES

Mel B posted her bikini shot online



She would have loved to be in London with the other girls

SHOWBIZ INSIDER ON MEL B'S ABSENCE

Spice world

Mel B rehearses on her own in LA as the rest get ready 5,400 miles away

BY TOM BRYANT
Head of Showbiz

MEL B must have been a Hot Spice out in that LA sun, but it wasn't where she would Wannabe on day one of rehearsals for the tour.

We can reveal Mel, 43, could not join the Spice Girls tour rehearsals in London as she has a US court date on Friday about her ex, Stephen Belafonte, 43.

A source said: "She'd have loved to be in London with the girls. Legal matters prevented her."

But the show must go on, so a choreographer jetted into LA from the UK to help Mel keep up with Geri Horner, 46, Mel C, 45, and Emma Bunton, 43. The source added: "The choreographer is the next best thing.

making

sure she's not missing out too much. Mel is determined to work hard to ensure she is in tip-top shape."

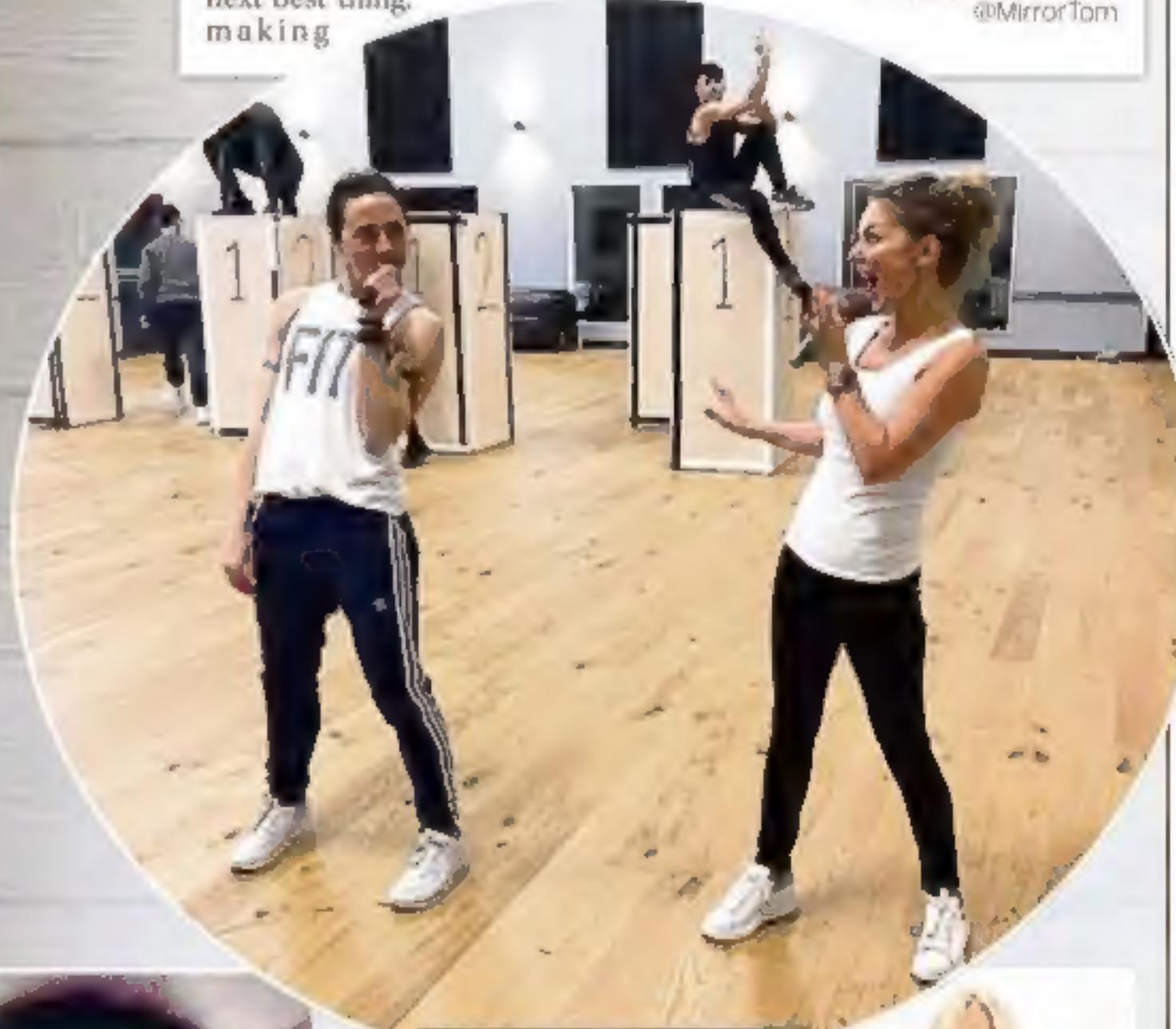
As her bandmates were put through their paces in a dance studio, Mel, who lives in LA, posted her bikini shot on Instagram. She later posted a selfie in a "humidiflyer" mask, used to avoid jet lag.

She wrote: "Getting vocal ready with my @humidiflyer this AM."

The sold-out tour – going ahead without Victoria Beckham, 44 – kicks off in Dublin on May 24.

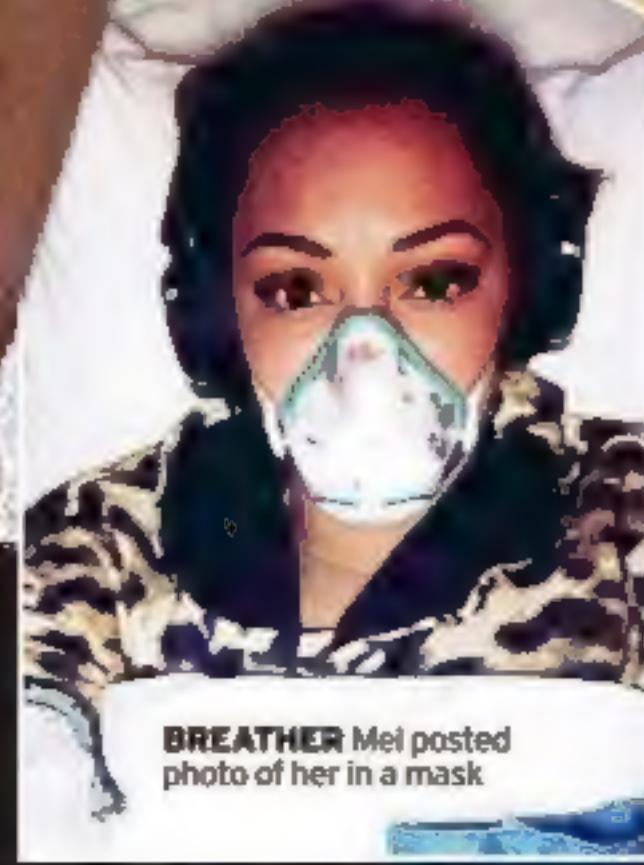
Eyebrows were raised when Mel failed to join the London rehearsals after she claimed last month that she and Geri had slept together at the height of the group's fame.

Geris representative said the claim was "simply not true" and had been "very hurtful to her family".

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LONDON

Geri sings with Sporty before having a break, below. Right, Emma makes a grand entrance



BREATHER Mel posted photo of her in a mask



COLLISION Elon Musk

Nasa's €61m Armageddon style mission

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN
US Editor

NASA has awarded Elon Musk's SpaceX €61million for a potentially Earth-saving mission similar to the film Armageddon.

The US agency wants the billionaire's aerospace firm help with the first ever attempt to deflect an asteroid by crashing into it.

In scenes similar to the 1998 Bruce Willis movie, the Double Asteroid Redirection Test aims to divert objects that threaten to hit the Earth's atmosphere.

The mission is due to launch by a Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California in 2021.

The following year it will try to hit a 540ft moonlet travelling at 13,500mph.

Nasa said: "It will change the moonlet's speed in orbit enough to be measured by Earth telescopes."



LEGAL PAPERS Martin
Coldplay star 'stalker': I do not know him

BY KEIRAN SOUTHERN

CHRIS Martin's alleged stalker has told a court she has had "no contact" with the Coldplay star.

The singer was granted a restraining order against Arlana Joyce, 42, after claiming she had been harassing him and endangering his family.

Martin lodged legal papers saying Joyce believed she was in a "romantic relationship" with him and left a package at his home in Malibu, California.

He also said she wrote notes referring to death, suicide and his children Apple, 14, and Moses, 12.

At a hearing in LA, Ms Joyce said: "I have no contact with Mr Martin and I do not know Dakota Johnson [his partner]."

The restraining order remains in place.



IRELAND SOCCER CRISIS:

FAI board



» Committee rocked by revelations from association auditor » Body reported to authorities over account questions » 'This changes everything' says Sport Ireland chief

BY FERGHAL BLANEY
Political Correspondent

THE entire FAI board is to step down after its auditor yesterday revealed the books are not in order.

And Taoiseach Leo Varadkar has given the soccer body a kicking by saying the Office Of The Director Of Corporate Enforcement should be on standby to investigate.

The FAI's own auditor Deloitte reported the Green Blazers to the authorities over serious concerns about transparency in the accounts.

Sport Ireland chairman Kieran Mulvey said: "This changes everything."

Funding to the FAI has been suspended by both Sport Ireland and the Department of Sport until the Association gets its house in order.

However, it was

still not clear last night whether former chief John Delaney is gone for good after he offered to step aside on Monday night pending an investigation.

The calls for a team from the ODCE to make their way to Abbotstown came from Oireachtas Sport Committee members Imelda Munster from Sinn Fein, chair Fergus O'Dowd, Fine Gael's Noel Rock and others.

Mr Varadkar said: "Investigations are necessary - investigations by Sport Ireland - into the accounts and finances of FAI and it also may be necessary for the ODCE to carry out investigations under company law."

"The objective must be to restore confidence in how the FAI is being run."

The multitude of calls for accountability came

after it was also confirmed a report from consultants Mazars, commissioned privately by the FAI initially, would now be made public later this summer.

But the TDs want more transparency with the ODCE conducting a full public investigation on behalf of the taxpayer and football fans all over the country.

The scandal came to light after The Sunday Times reported Mr Delaney had given the FAI a €100,000 loan in 2017.

It is understood the ODCE have been monitoring the fiasco in the FAI - and have advised Mazars - but the politicians want the full rigours of company law to be unleashed.

Ms Munster said: "The only investigations we've seen so far have been by the FAI, commissioned by the FAI, for the FAI."

"Sport Ireland have been sitting back letting the FAI investigate themselves."

"I mean, you haven't commissioned a forensic report. This audit to be carried

out must be a forensic report [by the ODCE]."

Mr O'Dowd wants it in charge as well. He said: "Surely the time is now for the ODCE to take over."

Mr Rock also wants to keep up the pressure and has called for "an immediate investigation".

He said: "Any breach of the Companies Act 2014 is a serious offence, with breaches potentially carrying a punishment of fines or even imprisonment as it is a category one or category two offence and underlines how serious this issue is."

The Dublin TD said he believed they will get to the bottom of what has happened.

He added: "Sport Ireland, combined with the Office of Director of Corporate Enforcement and other agencies that I'm aware, are watching this developing situation with interest - such as Revenue and the Garda fraud squad."

The FAI board sensationally



CONCERN Kieran Mulvey

PARIS IN SHOCK AFTER FIRE

BY ANDY LINES Chief Reporter, who first visited as a schoolboy in 1977

I COULD actually smell Notre Dame before I could see it.

As I walked towards the cathedral, a horrible stench of smoke and burning hung in the air.

On the floor beside the cigarette butts were hundreds of small pieces of black charred ash.

Just 12 hours earlier they had been part of history: historic paintings, sculptures or the 850-year-old wooden Notre Dame roof. Now they were



City mourning damage to its 'beating heart'

lying in the gutter. It was unimaginably sad.

I first visited Notre Dame on a trip as a schoolboy and remember being awed by its size and grandeur. Three-

RUBBLE Burned Notre Dame

and-a-half years ago I sat in the pews at a service to remember the victims of the Bataclan and the other terror attacks.

A couple of days earlier, dozens of people had been killed and Paris was in deep mourning.

No one died in this incident so it is understandably impossible to compare them.

But Parisians and all of France, and indeed the entire world, are in mourning again.

This city has dealt with so much tragedy in recent years.

But it will bounce back and its "beating heart" will be rebuilt.

HOLY RUIN

Fire damage in the cathedral



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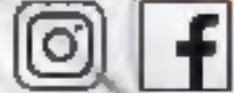
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Scene at height of Monday's fire



MERCY MISSION

Father Fournier saved the Crown of Thorns



DAMAGE

The spire collapsed during fire

Atmosphere was like a wake claims Irish cleric

BY EMMA McMENAMY

AN Irish cleric living in Paris who witnessed the horrific Notre Dame blaze has described the atmosphere like that of a "wake".

Monsignor Hugh Connolly also spoke of a "sense of disbelief" among the crowds.

He told RTE's Morning Ireland: "People were sharing their memories, there were people praying, people singing, but largely a sense of sadness really and sort of muted resignation I guess, as they saw the flames coming through that famous roof."

The Co Down cleric added firefighters working around the clock may have managed to salvage some of the cathedral's precious relics and artworks.

Msgr Connolly said: "From about midnight onwards, it seemed they [firefighters] have managed to gain access and there are reports that many of the relics and artwork have been saved, that's still largely unconfirmed."

TRAGEDY

"The big tragedy here, I suppose, is what they call 'La Charpente', the huge roofing frame, which is very, very familiar to people who've seen it, [the] most photographed monument, and 'La Flèche', which is the spire, and that very extraordinary moment was caught on television as the spire came crashing through the roof in flames."

Yesterday, the Queen sent a message of sympathy to the French people, saying she and Prince Philip had been "deeply saddened to see the images of the fire".

She said: "My thoughts and prayers are with those who worship at the Cathedral and all of France at this difficult time."

PM Theresa May said: "When it comes to the daunting task of rebuilding... we stand ready to offer our expertise."

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Surveying the damage, Parisian Eric Zelnick, 69, said: "There's something empty, missing. It was the face of Paris, now it's a face missing its teeth."

"He called it the 'coeur de la France', the heart and soul of France, and it is, an extraordinary crossroads of architecture, literature, art history, faith, commerce and tourism."

THE HERO OF NOTRE DAME

» Priest risked life to save art » Restoration firm quizzed over blaze

BY ANDY LINES
Chief Reporter in Paris

A BRAVE priest praised for comforting the dying in the Bataclan terror attacks became the hero of Notre Dame, going into the burning cathedral to save priceless artefacts.

Jean-Marc Fournier, 53, saved the Blessed Sacrament and the Crown of Thorns as flames engulfed the building. An emergency services source said: "He's an absolute hero. He showed no fear."

Other firefighters formed a human chain to rescue hundreds of other items.

In 2015, Father Fournier ran into the Bataclan music venue, where IS terrorists murdered 89 people, to pray over the dead, and comfort the injured.

Police opened an investigation into the fire yesterday, questioning craftsmen from Le Bras Frères, a firm of "Cathedral Restorers", to establish how it started.

Paris public prosecutor Remy Heitz said his office was "favouring the theory of an accident".

But he had assigned 50 people to work on what he believed would be a "long" and "complex" investigation.

It was reported that the high altar, installed in 1989, was the only piece of architecture

Inside the building that was damaged. It was hit by the cathedral's spire when it came crashing down in the flames.

Three "irreplaceable" rose windows which date to the 13th century, at first feared to have exploded, are still intact.

Le Bras Frères had won a €5.5million contract to repair the wooden and lead spire. Talking about the contract last year, CEO Julien Le Bras, 32, said the goal was "not to put the building at risk".

He said: "The spire is 105 metres tall and there is no question that we will put any pressure on it with the scaffolding."

A source close to the police investigation, said: "Many of these restorers were interviewed overnight. The fear is that a small fire began in the area where they were working and quickly spread."

On Monday, while the cathedral was still ablaze, tycoon François-Henri Pinault, who is married to Hollywood actress Salma Hayek, pledged €98million.

night. French President Emmanuel Macron pledged to make rebuilding the cathedral a "national project".

In a televised address to the nation, he said: "We will rebuild Notre Dame even more beautifully, and I want it to be completed in five years. We can do it."

"It is up to us to change this disaster into an opportunity to come together."

As he spoke, €600million had already been pledged to a fund set up to pay for the rebuilding of the gothic cathedral.

Bernard Arnault, head of the LVMH luxury goods group and the richest man in France, put up €170million.

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Historic England has offered expert help after dealing with similar disasters at Windsor Castle and Hampton Court.

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FIRE PROBE

Police spoke to Julien Le Bras's restoration crew



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SHAME Patient on trolley

525 patients waiting for a hospital bed

BY AILBHE DALY

MORE than 500 patients were left waiting for beds in Irish hospitals yesterday.

The INMO revealed 380 are waiting in A&Es, while 145 are elsewhere in the hospital.

The worst-hit was University Hospital Limerick with 56, while South Tipperary General Hospital and Beaumont Hospital both had 44 patients denied a bed on the ward.

Each day at 8am, INMO members count how many patients are waiting in the A&E for a bed and how many are waiting in wards elsewhere in the hospital.

The INMO Trolley Watch counts the number of patients who have been admitted to hospitals, but who are waiting for a free bed.



KILLED Clodagh and sons

Sister's plea for murdered Hawe family

BY WILLIAM DUNNE

THE sister of murdered Clodagh Hawe yesterday urged the public to think of her on what would be her 42nd birthday.

Clodagh was killed in 2016 with her sons Liam, 13, Niall, 11, and six-year-old Ryan by her evil husband Alan, who then took his own life.

Her sister Jacqueline Connolly, 38, tweeted: "Today she should be celebrating her 42nd birthday with her beautiful boys and all who love and miss her dearly."

"Please take a moment to think of Clodagh today."

Their bodies were found at their family home near Ballyjamesduff, Co Cavan.

It later emerged that Hawe had been viewing pornography in the weeks before the atrocity.

GOOD FRYDAY



JOY David Meyler and wife Cally with their newborn. Above, with proud grandfather

BY EAMON DOGGETT

IRELAND soccer star David Meyler could not hide his joy yesterday after the birth of his second child.

The 29-year-old and wife Cally put the heartbreak of a series of miscarriages behind them as they welcomed the new arrival. David, dad to Alanna who was

born in 2016, tweeted yesterday: "Honestly words can't describe how emotional I am writing this post. Cally you are one hell of a woman."

"After Alanna what you went through physically and emotionally it's all been worth it to get to this point in our lives. We all love you so much."

David: I'm so proud of my wife

Easter weekend temperatures will soar to 21C

BY SADIRSE MCGARRIGLE

TEMPERATURES will soar this Bank Holiday weekend to bring the warmest weather of the year.

Easter revellers can dust down the barbecue or head to the beach as thermometers will be reading 21C in some places.

And while Saturday looks good too, the summery burst will be short lived.

A Met Eireann forecaster said last night: "Good Friday will be dry with sunny spells. There will be light breezes and temperatures of 15C to 20C.

"Saturday will continue warm and mainly dry with sunny spells.

"However, it will become cloudier in the north-west with perhaps some drizzle later in the day.

"Highest temperatures of 14C to 17C in the west and north-west but between 18C and 21C for the rest of the country with light breezes."

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end as temperatures tumble and the rain moves in.

The forecaster said: "On Saturday night, rain and drizzle will move down over Connacht and Ulster.

"Easter Sunday will be mostly cloudy with scattered outbreaks of rain.

"At the moment, it looks like our weather will become much colder and unsettled from Easter Monday."

While we are in line for a weekend of warm, sunny weather, the public has been warned to exercise extreme caution around water.

A spokesman for Water Safety Ireland said: "Warmer air temperatures can tempt people to go swimming."

"Survival time is greatly reduced in cold water which drains body heat much faster than cold air."

"Children cool even faster than adults as they are smaller and have less fat."

"When cold water makes contact with your skin, the cold shock response causes an immediate loss of breathing control, possible dizziness and panic."

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Hay fever sufferers in pollen warning

HAY fever sufferers will pay the price of the good weather as the pollen count is set to soar from today.

Forecasts indicate levels will be high in Leinster, Munster and Connacht while in Ulster sufferers will have a medium level alert to contend with.

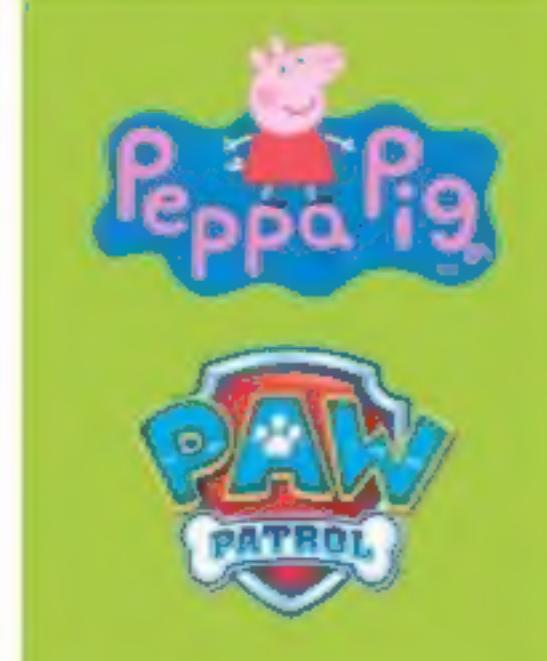
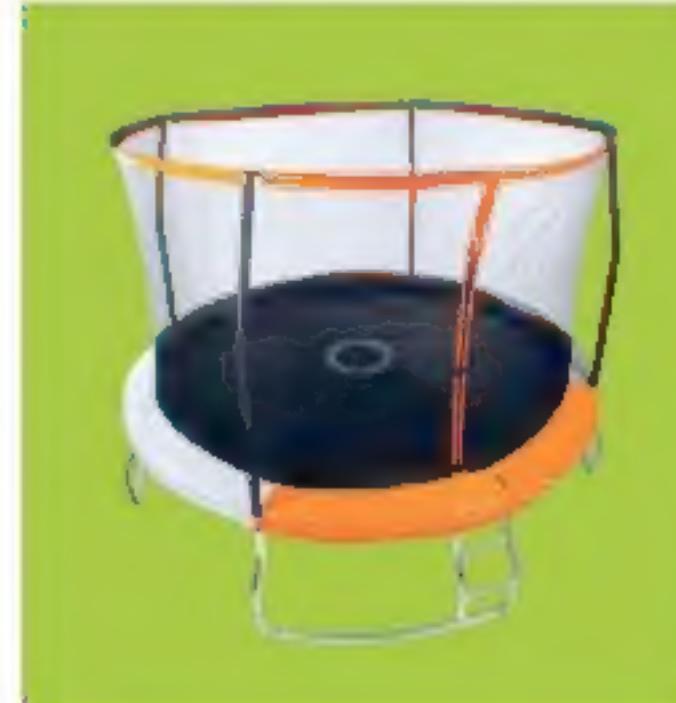
The high readings stem from the pollen produced from trees which is particularly high during dry and sunny spells.

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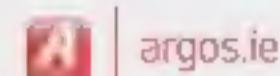
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Goal is to clear out & clean up

THE entire board of the Football Association of Ireland will resign by July – and about time too.

The revelation yesterday that the FAI did not keep proper accounts was the final nail in the coffin after weeks of scandal.

Failing to keep proper accounts, if proved, can be a very serious matter. And upon conviction can lead to hefty fines or even jail.

So the board had to go. A clean sweep is needed otherwise the whole circus show would just have continued on, dragging Irish soccer further into the mire.

John Delaney, too, should do the decent thing and step down and not just step aside.

At the end of the day it was €100,000 loan to his employers that sparked the current crisis, the worst in recent Irish soccer history.

And it was his shambolic performance – and that of his colleagues – before the Oireachtas committee last week that turned the grassroots on the big bosses in their blazers.

For sure, the FAI has done, and will continue to do, good work. But Delaney's bloated salary, his rent paid by the FAI, and reported credit card splurges, were hard to take.

Around €2.7million a year of taxpayers' money goes to the FAI and we have a right to know how exactly every cent is being spent.

Let's hope any inquiry clears up this mess and the FAI can then get back to its real job of promoting soccer. And stop scoring own goals.

Hard to count on their word

THE Taoiseach yesterday confirmed that the National Broadband Plan will cost the taxpayer at least €3billion.

This means this scandal-hit project is six times over the original estimated cost.

When the plan is so far over budget there can be no guarantee that this is the final figure.

The public will find it hard to take at face value that the new figure is for a bigger and better project.

Coming after the huge overrun at the National Children's Hospital, Fine Gael can never again claim that they are a party that can be trusted when it comes to spending taxpayers' money.

Easter Sun-day

SUNNY weather on Good Friday may turn it into a Great Friday.

And with temperatures expected to hit 20C, we could be breaking the barbecues out.

It's going to be a sizzler...

Customers are being duped by fake five-star ratings

BY NADA FARHOUDE
Consumer Features Editor

ONLINE giant Amazon has been plagued with thousands of fake five-star reviews duping customers into buying unknown brands.

Hundreds of technology products including headphones, dash cams, fitness trackers and smart watches were checked for signs of suspicious reviews in an investigation by consumer group Which?

It found Amazon's system of customer reviews and ratings is being seriously undermined by a flood of bogus reviews for products made by unknown brands.

Which? found top-rated items were dominated by little-known companies such as ITSHINY UK, Vogek and Aitalk, boosted by thousands of unverified reviews – meaning there is no evidence that the reviewer has even bought or used the product. Many also

4,348 customer reviews



had a suspiciously high number of five-star ratings that had been dumped onto Amazon's review pages in a short space of time – another red flag suggesting the reviews are fake.

One set of headphones, by unknown brand Celebrat, had 439 reviews. All were five-star, unverified and arrived on the same day.

Three smartwatches had a five-star average customer rating – and more than half of the reviews (61 out of 114) for the Galsu Kids Smartwatch had appeared in one 24-hour period on March 20.

The pattern was repeated with action cameras, fitness trackers and wireless security cameras.

Natalie Hitchins, Which? head of home products and services, said: "Amazon must do more to purge its websites of unreliable and fake reviews if it is to maintain the trust of its customers."

But how can you avoid falling victim? Read our guide to avoid being misled when buying...

What is a fake review?

A positive endorsement posted by a company employee, paid individual or anyone else with a vested interest in selling you a product.

Avoid being scammed on third party websites

Unknown companies: Look at customer reviews even more carefully if you're looking to buy a brand on sites such as Amazon or eBay that you don't recognise.

Repetition: If you see hundreds or even thousands of reviews – be suspicious, especially if they are largely positive. The same review

Review can you believe?



NAGGING DOUBTS
Check for tell-tale signs of fake ratings

5 stars Super sound and comfort

20 May 2018

Verified Purchase

energy company – were posted in a short period of time, it's likely that they are fake.

Check seller profiles: Be wary of foreign seller locations, strange business names, a lack of contact details and of course, negative reviews of the seller.

And when purchasing from little known sites

Spelling errors: There may be ways to investigate who is behind the positive postings on some websites so it pays to look around first before parting with your cash.

Visit the homepage or the 'about us' pages and read the text there.

Watch out for poor English, such as spelling mistakes, or

phrases that don't sound right. It could mean the site isn't genuine and was put together by someone looking to make a quick profit.

Domain names: Check the web address is legitimate and has not been altered by slight changes to a domain name – such as going from .co.uk to .org.

Lack of reviews: Don't just rely on one review – do a thorough online search to check the firm's credentials.

Check if the company is a member of a recognised trade body such as ABTA and search the web thoroughly to look for any customer complaints.

Payment: Never pay directly into a private individual's bank account. The cash is very difficult to trace and non-refundable.

If you buy something that turns out to be fake or non-existent with a credit or debit card, you do have some rights to get your money back. Unfortunately, if you do pay by bank transfer, it is very difficult to get your money back.

Reverse image search: If an

amazon

tripadvisor ebay

WEB GIANTS Sites rely on reviews

image of a product is provided but you have suspicions about the reviews, right click on the image of the image and then on "search Google for image".

If it's a fake, this will help you locate the real site.

You can also use this trick if a user has posted a picture of themselves.

Fake villa sites have been known to steal photographs from genuine LinkedIn profile pages to pass off as managers of fake companies.

If you fall victim

Notify the site immediately as Amazon, eBay, TripAdvisor and other third party sites have the power to block these users so others can be protected.

Always screen grab pages at the time of purchase showing prices and descriptions.

This can help you if you have difficulties later on with the seller.

You may be entitled to some money back depending on how you paid so call your bank or credit card company.

■ Amazon said it invests significant resources to protect the integrity of reviews and it has clear guidelines for both reviewers and selling partners and it suspends, bans and takes legal action on those that violate them.

They use investigation teams and automated technology to spot fake reviews as well as working alongside social media sites.

Feud blamed after house 'destroyed' during attack

BY NIALL O'CONNOR AND DARRAGH BERRY

A VIOLENT feud has flared up again following attacks on two houses on Monday, local people have warned.

One property in Ballymun, North Dublin, was left 'destroyed'.

A local claimed "four carloads of lads with baseball bats, kicked in a hall door on Coultry Drive with a family inside".

The person told the Irish Mirror the attackers "wrecked the house, there's no windows left".

They also claimed in an apparent act of retaliation, shots were fired at a house.

The person added: "I saw the lads going into the house [at Coultry Drive] and I also saw a young lad getting a few digs outside."

"Then all the armed response went flying to the house that was shot at."

"It's already out of control and there is being word put out in the area that a war is on."

In a statement, gardai said they were investigating an incident of criminal damage at a house at Coultry Drive, Ballymun, which took place at 7.55pm where a number of windows were damaged.

They added: "In a second incident, a window was broken at a house at Shangan Park shortly before 11pm".

But, they said there was "no evidence of shots being fired".

Sources have said the feud is centred around two warring factions who are involved in the drug trade in the area.

Making waves as passenger figures double

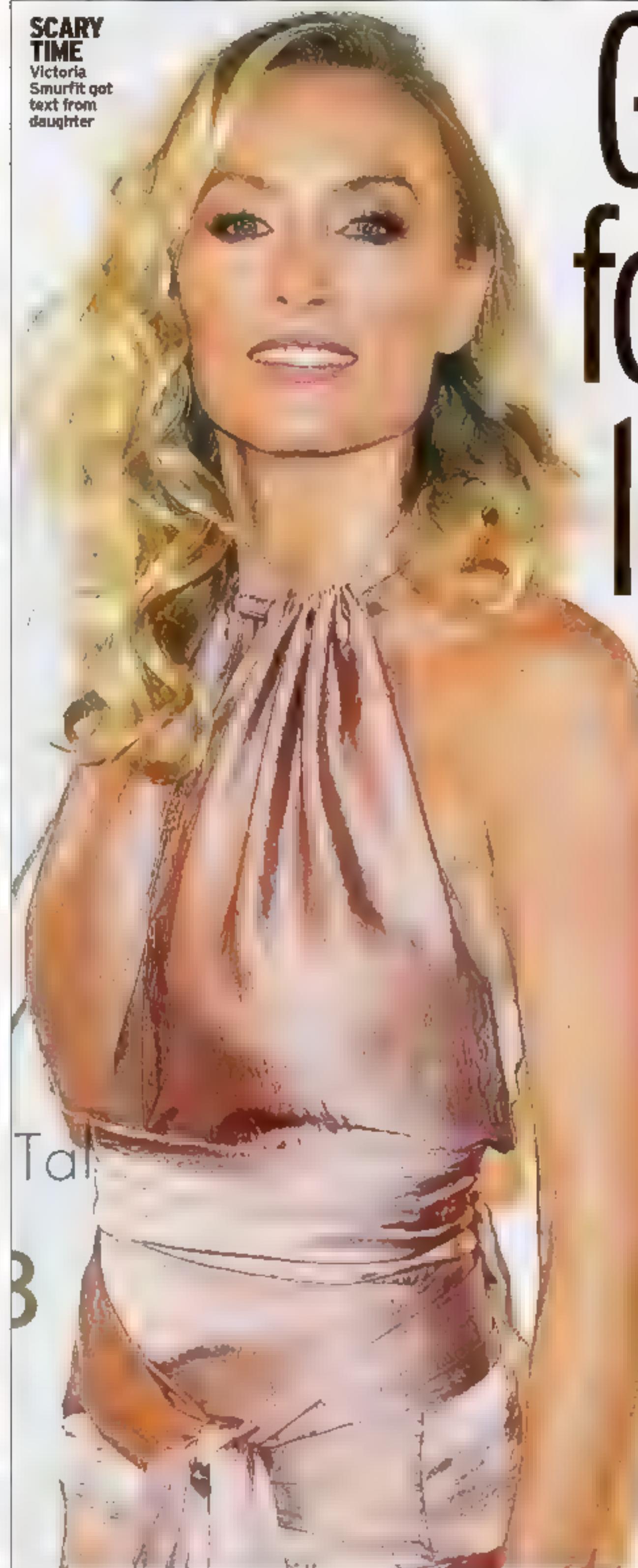
CRUISES have soared in popularity among holiday-makers with passenger numbers doubling over the past 14 years.

The numbers opting for a holiday on the high seas has surpassed two million for the first time ever.

The Cruise Lines International Association figures represent a 2% increase in passenger numbers compared to the same period last year.

Repeat sailings have proved particularly popular with around 90% of all Irish and UK first-time passengers setting sail again within 12 months of their maiden voyage.

SCARY TIME
Victoria Smurfit got text from daughter



LUCKY Weekend AM's Anna

EXCLUSIVE BY SIOBHAN O'CONNOR

ANNA Daly said she "counts her lucky stars" that she works in an easy job like TV, rather than grafting in a mine like her brother.

But the Weekend AM presenter admitted she often takes the harrowing stories home with her.

The Virgin Media One host said she comes home to her kids as

fresh as daisy after a day in the studio and confessed she has plenty of energy because "TV presenting is not hard work".

The mum of three told the Irish Mirror: "I count my lucky stars that I have this gig."

"My brother worked in a mine in Australia, that's proper labour. He's putting in a day's work and I

come home from work, take over minding the kids as fresh as a daisy, it's a joy, it's not hard work."

The 42-year-old said there are days she fights back the tears.

She added: "As a parent I find I take things home with me, I'd be thinking of things days and months afterwards."

"Harrowing stories we would

have covered, a mum whose husband murdered the children, I'd be reading that all night beforehand and I've seen it since on Prime Time and I've shivers even talking about it."

"They're the lower days but they're the days you work that bit harder because they take their toll emotionally."

Gun crime is forcing me to leave the US

School lockdown sparks decision for move to the UK with her family

BY EMMA McMENAMY

VICTORIA Smurfit has said one of the reasons she is moving from America to the UK is gun crime.

The Dublin actress said "having a gunman outside your kids' school" was the final straw for her family.

While there were many reasons for the move, Victoria told Ray D'Arcy on RTÉ Radio One yesterday violence was one of the things at the top of the list.

She said she got a text from her daughter Evie saying, "We're in lockdown, please don't call me", to which Victoria responded by asking if it was real.

When she learned it was, she texted back, "Hide baby, hide".

The 44-year-old About A Boy star said: "There's loads of reasons."

"Having a gunman outside your kids' school was just the icing on the cake really."

"It's a really great school down the road, but part of living at home is you go to school and you know it's going to get wet and you are going to play rugby and you are going to get muddy, where as here you learn how to do shooter drills."

"Four times a year they lock down the school and they all hide under their desks and find a spot in their room to

Four times a year they lock down the school, and they all hide
VICTORIA SMURFIT RTÉ RADIO ONE

LUCKY Weekend AM's Anna

hide, that's just something they do whether you like it or not."

Victoria said she was about two hours north of LA shooting a short film when she got the text from her daughter.

She added: "And off she went for an hour and I didn't hear anything."

Apparently it was an ex-student who was expelled for arguing with someone on text.

"They showed it to the principal and said, 'They are threatening to come the school and shoot us all'."

"So they went into lockdown and the police arrived and picked the guy up."

"I'm just glad they found this guy."

"I wouldn't wish it on anybody I would tell you, I legged it."

"By the time I was nearly home I knew they were home and safe."

Victoria also said it is common for many families to have guns in their homes and garages.

She added: "It's just crazy... culturally I can't get my head around it at all."

"We are coming back over because of time you know, the kids are getting older and we miss family."

"So it's time to just get back around."

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A different job? I'd rather have mine says Anna



LUCKY Weekend AM's Anna

Tuam survivors 'can't wait'

BY TREVOR QUINN

MOTHER and baby home survivors have insisted they have no time to wait for a series of health benefits announced yesterday.

Children's Minister Katherine Zappone unveiled a number of measures such as GP counselling and mental health services after a collaborative forum.

And Tuam Mother and Baby Home Alliance spokesperson Breeda Murphy said while they were "delighted", many of the elderly men and women are dying

The PRO for the group, who are concerned the recommendations could take months to be made available, said: "Survivors have welcomed that their health needs are being looked after but they need access to the services now."

"It's always subject to budgetary requirements and there's no guarantee of anything."

"We don't have time in our hands. We only

URGENCY Ms Murphy

have a limited number of survivors and we are losing them on an annual basis."

There are 11 survivors in the newly established Tuam Mother And Baby Home Alliance - 10 from the Tuam Mother and Baby Home and one from Sean Ross Abbey.

Ms Murphy said survivors should have medical cards and be able to fast-track any treatment they need as well as having access to private treatment.

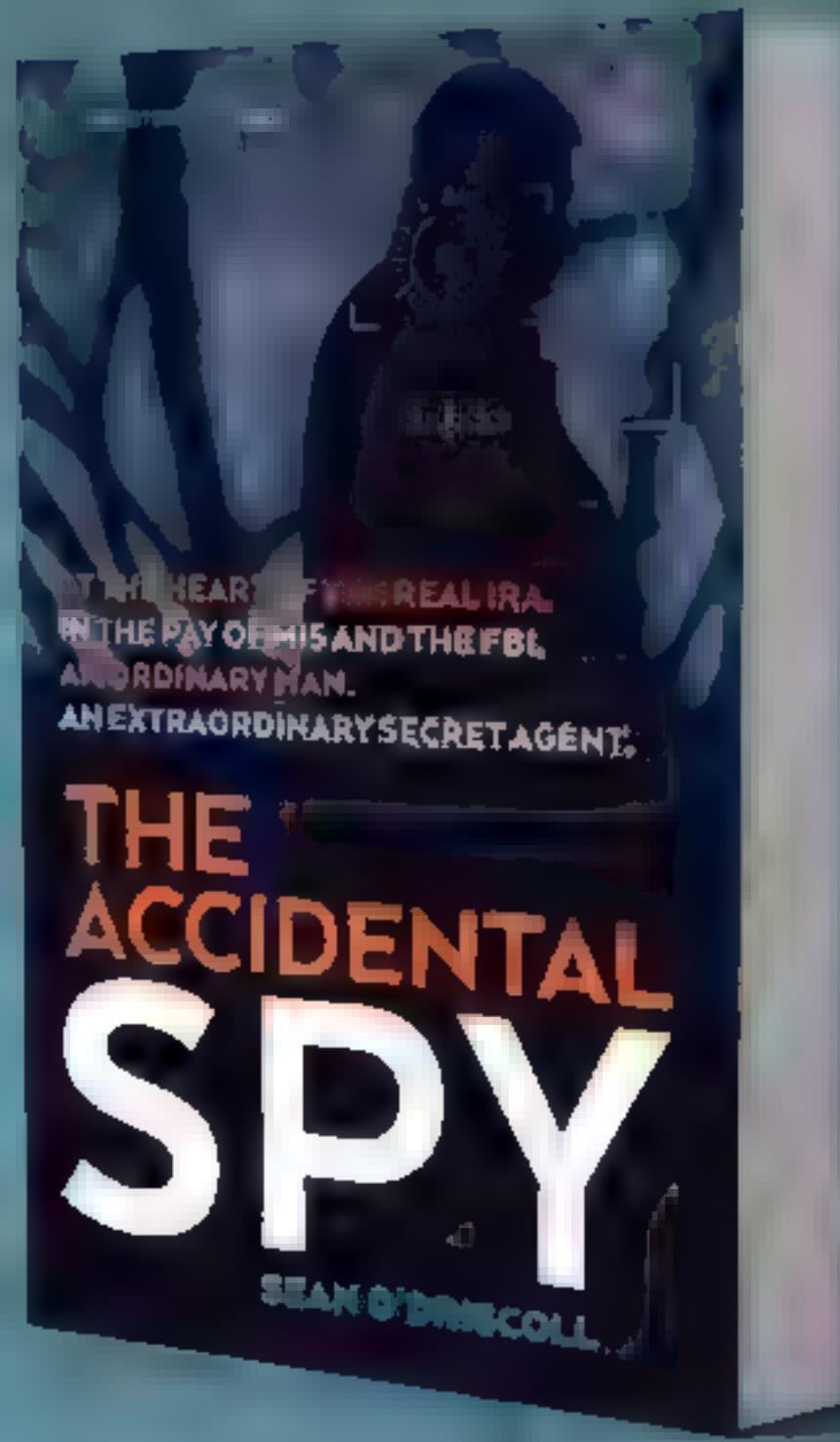


AT THE HEART OF THE REAL IRA - AN ORDINARY MAN, AN EXTRAORDINARY SPY

The gripping real life account of the most successful spy in modern history.

Reporting between the FBI and MI5, David

Rupert was involved with extraordinary and terrifying situations, including the horror of the Omagh bombing, an Iraqi sting operation and organising US weapon shipments with a 'sniper' being trained to kill the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair.



ON SALE NOW

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CORRIE SALLY

EXCLUSIVE

BY SUE CRAWFORD

Being given the terrifying and devastating diagnosis of breast cancer was the toughest moment of Corrie star Sally Dynevor's life.

But 10 years on and as a fiddle she is marking the landmark with the biggest challenge she has put herself through.

At the age of 55 Sally will embark on a 12-day trek to Everest Base Camp where night temperatures plunge to -30C.

She says: "In the darkest days after my diagnosis, I could never have imagined doing something like this 10 years on."

"I know it's something I'm going to remember for the rest of my life, although I still can't quite believe I'm doing it."

"I appreciate every minute of the past 10 years and I think a great way to celebrate that is to do something challenging and out of my comfort zone and remind myself how lucky I am."

Sally, best known as Coronation Street factory worker and former mayor Sally Metcalfe, will pack her rucksack and jet to Kathmandu, Nepal, in the autumn for the sponsored trek in aid of charity Prevent Breast Cancer, of which Sally is a patron.

Sally says: "I remember in my early 20s somebody telling me Nepal was the most beautiful place they'd ever been. Since then I've wanted to go."

"Me and my husband Tim love going to the Lake District and walking. We've talked about doing Base Camp Everest all our married life, so when the charity said 'do you fancy doing it?' I said: 'Oh my God. That would be the perfect challenge. It's a dream come true.'

Sally will hike across mountain trails and through Sherpa villages until she reaches Base Camp at 17,600ft - the start of the ascent of Everest, the world's highest mountain.

As well as the cold, Sally and the 20-strong team will face altitude sickness due to the reduced oxygen.

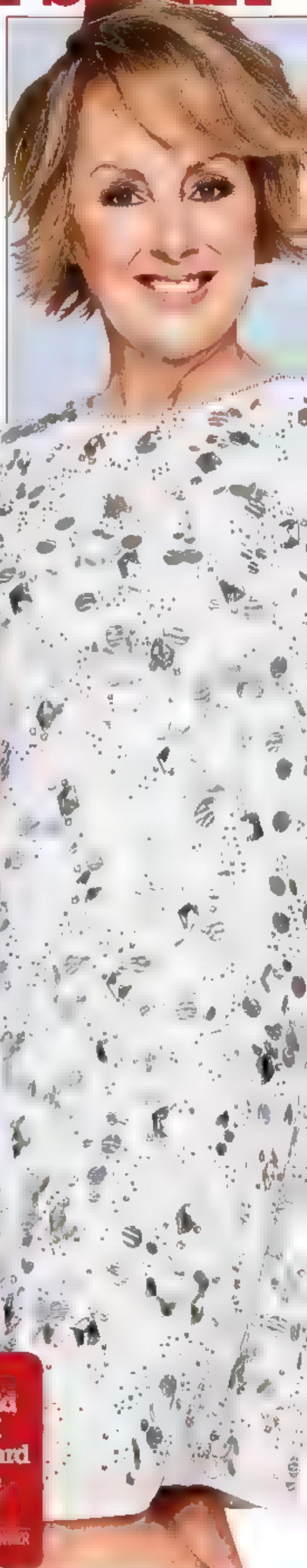
The actress lives in Manchester with Emmerdale scriptwriter Tim, 57, and their three children, actress Phoebe, 23, student Sam, 21 and Hattie, 15.

Sally has begun gentle preparation with running, swimming and walking. Soon she heads to the Lake District to begin in earnest, but acknowledges the climb will not be easy.

"Apparently we sleep in tea houses, little buildings with no heating," Sally says.

"I suppose it's better than a tent, but it's still very cold. I've heard we might have to keep our water bottles in our sleeping bags to stop them icing up."

"If I'm filming and it's



"If I'm cold filming I find it hard let alone Nepal!"

ON ROUGHING IT: CORRIE TREK TO EVEREST

ON HER CHARITY CHALLENGE

Ten years after breast cancer I'm celebrating by trekking to Everest

PEAK TEST

Sally, left, will trek to Everest Base Camp

"cold I find it hard, let alone Nepal!"

Sally looks the picture of perfect health as she prepares for her epic trip.

But back in October 2009 life could not have been more different.

Ironically, it was while her screen character was facing breast cancer that Sally noticed a lump of her own.

The cancer had spread to lymph nodes under her arm and, after a lumpectomy, she began a gruelling course of chemotherapy followed by radiotherapy.

The treatment was a success and Sally returned to the cobbles six months later, in a wig after losing her hair to chemo.

It was a dark time but Sally refuses to dwell on those difficult years.

"I don't really think about it in a

negative way now, because I'm hoping that's the end," she says firmly.

Sally has since become a convert to healthy eating and is a devotee of the Deliciously Ella cookery books, which champion plant-based and natural foods.

"Tim is vegetarian, so I've eaten mainly vegetarian in our married life anyway, but I'm much more aware of eating less red meat now," she says.

"I try to exercise a bit more and I check my boobs in the shower, to make sure I can't feel any lumps. I'm just more aware of it now."

Sally still has annual mammograms and will finally come off breast cancer drug Tamoxifen later this year.

And although memories of her illness have been pushed to the back of her mind,

she admits the experience has changed her. "I hope I'm more understanding, more humble and more grateful and that I appreciate things more," she says.

"I think anything like that - where you go through something that you didn't think you were going to face - is bound to change you and your outlook."

Lancashire-born Sally joined Corrie in 1986 aged 22 - and 33 years later remains as devoted to the show as ever.

Her storylines have included marriages to Kevin Webster and Tim Metcalfe, being wrongfully jailed for fraud and falling through the Underworld factory roof as it collapsed.

Viewers recently saw her bid a tearful farewell to her sister Gina, played by

Connie Hyde, after burying the hatchet following a long-running feud.

"I felt terrible being awful to her, because Connie is so lovely," Sally laughs.

"I couldn't bear it, we're best friends off screen and I adore her. I'm not like that at all. I never hold a grudge. There are too many things to worry about in life."

Later this year Sally plans to take part in the "10-year challenge", where social media users share a decade-old picture.

"I'll probably do a picture with no hair and one of me now with the team trekking," she says. "It's a great way to raise awareness and hopefully I'll raise loads of money for Prevent Breast Cancer."

And Sally feels on top of the world.

"I keep saying to the kids you measure success by waking up in the morning and going, 'I love my job!'" she beams.

"I've got three fabulous children and I'm married to a very special man - I feel very lucky."

You can sponsor Sally at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SallyDynevor

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SALE Auctioneer Victor Mee
Anniversary proclamation to go under the hammer

BY REBECCA BLACK

A RARE first anniversary Irish Proclamation is expected to sell for tens of thousands of euro at auction next month.

It was printed one year after the 1916 Easter Rising and there are just three 1917 documents still in existence.

The Proclamation is set to go under the hammer at Victor Mee Auctions in Co Cavan on May 8.

In 1917, it was removed by a member of the Dublin Metropolitan Police at Butt Bridge in central Dublin on orders of the High Sheriff to avoid political unrest.

He later gave it to Robert Bradley, a retired sheriff.

It was passed on to the McKay family who safely kept the piece for over six decades, passing it down to the current owner, who wishes to remain anonymous.

They said: "It was given by the sheriff to my father with the words 'look after this, it will be important someday'."

"My father kept it safely over six decades until finally it became my responsibility."

The 1917 Proclamations were printed by Cumann na mBan with the original printing blocks used for the original version after they were gathered from the wreckage of the GPO.

It has been estimated to sell for €10,000 to €20,000 when it goes under the hammer.

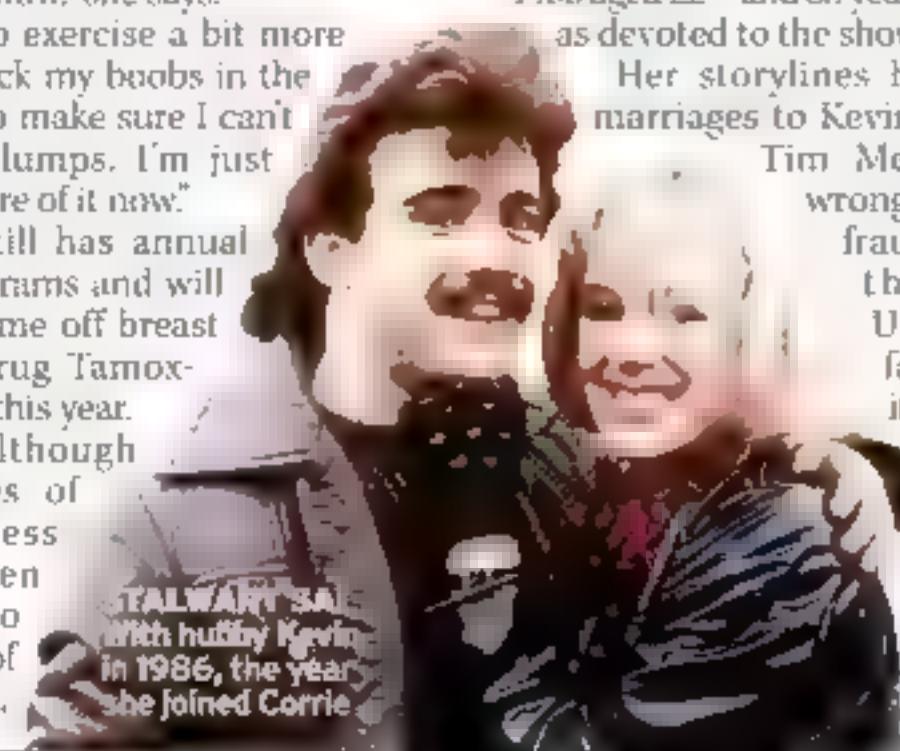
Man attacked with hammer

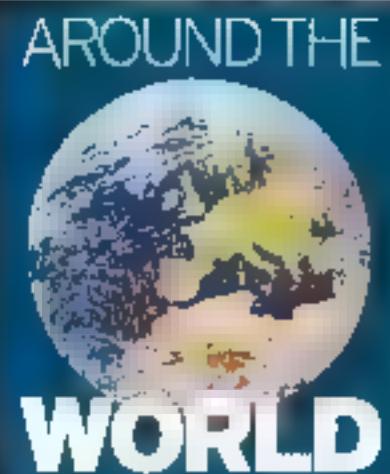
A MAN has been left with facial injuries after a brutal hammer attack last weekend.

The assault occurred at approximately 3am on Sunday morning on the Ramelton Road in Letterkenny, Co Donegal.

A Garda spokeswoman said: "A man was assaulted by two males and received injuries to his nose and mouth."

Anyone with information is asked to contact gardai in Letterkenny on 074 9167100.





Deportee is back in US

A MAN whose wife died in Afghanistan while fighting for the US was deported to Mexico before he was later returned to the US.

Jose Gonzalez Carranza, 30, was arrested last week by immigration officials.

His removal meant his 12-year-old daughter, a US citizen, was left behind.

Court strips citizenship

A BAHRAIN court has revoked 138 people of citizenship after convicting them of terrorism charges.

The judge handed life terms to 69 of the defendants.

They were accused of setting up a cell linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

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EU protects 'gig' workers

MEPs have approved a new EU law to protect "gig economy" workers.

It sets minimum rights and demands more transparency for those in "on-demand" jobs such as at Uber or Deliveroo.

It proposes predictable hours and compensation for cancelled work.

Museum snub to Brazil PM

AMERICA'S Museum of Natural History will not host an event for Brazil's leader Jair Bolsonaro.

It was criticised for holding a ceremony at which Mr Bolsonaro was to receive a person of the year award.

The far-right leader has advocated relaxing environmental policies.



IS THIS WHERE SHE GOT THE IDEA?

Ross and Rachel hired a male nanny named Sandy in an episode of Friends that aired on November 7, 2002. But he got fired for being too sensitive and crying a lot.

BY MARK O'BRIEN

THE public have been urged to help a young mum of two with a terminal illness who is facing homelessness this summer.

Christine Rossiter, 37, from Howth, Co Dublin, was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer in 2016.

The tumours have spread to her brain, liver and lungs, with conventional treatments offering limited results.

Christine, her partner and their two young children are also facing homelessness as the lease on the house they are renting ends in June. Outlining their fundraising goals, her

YANKEE DOODLE NANNY

Meghan wants American helper

EXCLUSIVE

BY RUSSELL MYERS
Royal Editor

THE Duchess of Sussex may be part of the Royal Family, but her hunt for an American nanny shows her heart is still very much in her homeland.

And in what could be another nail in the coffin of royal tradition, eight-months pregnant Meghan and husband Prince Harry are even open to the idea of having a male help for their tot, which would be a first.

The 37-year-old has instructed staff at a recruitment agency to find a suitable candidate to start in the next three months.

A source said: "Meghan and Harry have clear ideas on how to bring up their children.

Meghan was clear in telling recruiters she favours an American over a Brit and wants them to feel part of the family rather than a uniformed member of staff.

"That is important to her, she's never hidden the fact she is fiercely proud of her American roots. They are keen to explore the possibility

of a male nanny." The worker will "earn up to £70,000 a year, depending on experience". It is understood candidates are to be interviewed by the royal couple.

The successful one will be based at their new Frogmore Cottage home in the grounds of Windsor Castle and have use of a car.

Their recruitment agency in Kensington, West London, specialises in providing bilingual childminders as well as Norland nannies, who have long been favoured by the Royal Family.

William and Kate hired Spanish Maria Teresa Borrallo, a graduate of the Bath college, which opened in 1892.

Nannies dress in brown uniforms and wear felt hats bearing a letter N. Only a handful of men have attended Norland, with the first two graduating last year.

Meghan will also break with decades of royal tradition by not parading their baby on the hospital steps, instead choosing to post pictures on Instagram.

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SOURCE ON WHY MEGHAN WANTS NANNY FROM THE U.S.

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Appeal for cancer mum facing homelessness



GRAVELY ILL Christine Rossiter

pals said: "The first is to keep her youngest child in the school where he is surrounded by his buddies - our children - but also us, the mothers who know him and can support him while his mum battles this cruel disease.

Christine's terminal diagnosis ended her career as a graphic designer.

"When they would otherwise have been saving for a deposit. Christine and her partner of 19 years were wrestling with a catastrophic diagnosis and unforeseen loss of earnings.

"They have been renting in Howth, but the lease is up in June and won't be renewed,

leaving them with no home. They are going to need our financial help to find a new home within range of the school."

The group are also hoping to send Christine on any cancer immunotherapy trials in the US she may be suitable for.

They said: "If the right trial comes up, Christine will have to travel at short notice."

It is understood €15,600 has already been raised for the popular mum, who pals say has dealt with her illness with "characteristic grace and sweetness".

To donate visit www.gofundme.com/jdflkk-for-christine.

Kinahan link probed over gun attack

A GUN attack was launched on a house last night.

Gardai are investigating a suspected link with the Kinahan drug cartel over the shooting in the Finglas area of North Dublin.

The house was struck with a number of rounds at around 11pm.

Gardai attended the scene and there were no immediate reports of any injuries.

The incident is believed to be connected to ongoing gang activity between criminal factions in the area.

A Garda spokesman has urged anyone who may have witnessed the attack or has any information to contact officers at Finglas station.

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He's the voice of Ireland



EVERY FRIDAY

Three held as gardai seize passports

SUSPECTED cloned credit cards and stolen Irish and UK passports were seized in a house raid yesterday.

Officers also seized two cars believed to have been bought under false names.

Three Romanian men aged 31, 24 and 25, were arrested in Letterkenny, Co Donegal.

A Garda spokesman said: "The search was conducted by the National Economic Crime Bureau, National Bureau of Criminal Investigations and assisted by local officers.

"Much of the documentation seized relates to suspected fraud in the North. Inquiries with Europol and the PSNI are ongoing."

BY KATIE GALLAGHER
Showbiz Reporter

ROSANNA Davison said she doesn't have the time to do *Dancing With The Stars*.

The former Miss World also ruled out her dad joining the RTE show, dubbing him a terrible dancer like

her. When asked if she would like to swap the catwalk for the dancefloor, the 34-year-old told the Irish Mirror: "No, but I have huge admiration for anyone who does it."

"I thought Mairead was fantastic and I thought everyone this year was amazing. But it's such a huge life

commitment in terms of time, that up until this point I haven't been able to dedicate the time to it."

Laughing at the prospect of her Lady In Red singing dad challenging for the Glitterball trophy, she said: "No. Only because I can't imagine him dancing. I'm useless at dancing

even so I don't think he would be any good."

"Some people just have a natural rhythm, sports people and anyone who has been in that sort of entertainment industry, theatre, stage, seems to do really well in it."



BUSY Rosanna Davison

I've found myself practising my dance steps at home...



RIGHT MOVES
Fred Cooke and Giulia Botta on DWTS

Comedian Cooke is struggling without RTE's ratings smash

EXCLUSIVE BY SIOBHAN O'CONNOR

COMEDIAN Fred Cooke said he has resorted to practising his moves at home now *Dancing With The Stars* is over.

Fred told the Irish Mirror he's experiencing withdrawal symptoms from RTE's hit show.

He said: "It's like I'm in denial that it's over, I've found myself at home in Naas going around practising my dance steps."

"I've given myself things to do, I'm busy enough. I found it's like when Republic of Telly ended, I always had to go back to gigging to keep myself busy and not miss it."

The 38-year-old admitted he grew emotionally attached to his dancing comrades.

He added: "It's funny, when it really finishes and Jennifer and Nicky say goodbye and thanks for watching, the cameras go off and straight away Julian went back on the ferry to London."

"You get so emotionally attached to the whole thing, I even parked my car near Liffey Trust, the place we used to train, as I was going in to do some radio interviews nearby and the staff were like, 'Why are you back?'

"I always wanted to do *Dancing With The Stars* because I wanted to learn how to dance, and now tickets for my new show Fred-space are selling better than ever."

The comic lost more than two stone during the show but revealed he has battled to keep the weight off.

He said: "I was hoping not to lose too much weight, because I was hoping to get on Operation Transformation down the road, I didn't go in to lose weight, but I lost quite a bit."

"I want to keep the weight down. There's something about being competitive, you start looking after yourself a bit better."

"Then the second I was eliminated I wasn't as disciplined, I haven't got into the green smoothies, my girlfriend is trying to get me more into that but I'm like, 'I have a life'."

"I haven't cut the booze - I do enjoy a pint of beer at festivals, I'll never give that up."

■ Fred brings his new stand-up show Fred-space to Vicar Street on November 21 and he's at the Cat Laughs Comedy Festival in Kilkenny from May 30 to June 3.

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Rosanna: I don't have time for Glitterball challenge

BY KATIE GALLAGHER
Showbiz Reporter

ROSANNA Davison said she doesn't have the time to do *Dancing With The Stars*.

The former Miss World also ruled out her dad joining the RTE show, dubbing him a terrible dancer like

her. When asked if she would like to swap the catwalk for the dancefloor, the 34-year-old told the Irish Mirror: "No, but I have huge admiration for anyone who does it."

"I thought Mairead was fantastic and I thought everyone this year was amazing. But it's such a huge life

commitment in terms of time, that up until this point I haven't been able to dedicate the time to it."

Laughing at the prospect of her Lady In Red singing dad challenging for the Glitterball trophy, she said: "No. Only because I can't imagine him dancing. I'm useless at dancing

even so I don't think he would be any good."

"Some people just have a natural rhythm, sports people and anyone who has been in that sort of entertainment industry, theatre, stage, seems to do really well in it."

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Cop cleared of Irishman's road death

A CANADIAN cop has been cleared of any wrongdoing following a crash which resulted in the death of a young Irishman.

Brendan Keogh was struck by the officer's unmarked SUV in Squamish, British Columbia.

The incident occurred as the 29-year-old was walking at a road junction on March 13 last year.

Mr Keogh, from Mullinalaghta, Co Longford, was hospitalised but never regained consciousness. He passed away on August 1 after being transferred to Dublin's Mater Hospital.

A police watchdog said the evidence did not provide grounds to consider any charge.

Stations score with live World Cup coverage

SOCCEr fans will get their kicks this summer with the Women's World Cup coming to Irish screens for the first time.

RTE and TG4 have reached agreement with FIFA for live coverage of every game from the tournament in France.

All matches from the event, which kicks off on June 7 and runs until the final on July 7, will be free-to-air for Irish viewers.

RTE's Declan Mc Bennett said the broadcaster is "delighted" to team up with TG4 for the coverage.

TG4's Ronan O'Coisdealbha added the station has been a "proactive supporter of women's sport for many years".

Wheely happy after €8,000 roulette win

A PUNTER shook off their Monday blues by scooping almost €8,000 from a €6 wager.

The roulette player from Waterford landed €7,776 thanks to a bet with BoyleSports.

They placed a double, predicting seven would land at 35/1 in not only the first spin, but again three minutes later.

BoyleSports' Sarah Kinsella said: "What a tremendous win for our Co Waterford client who landed an ambitious bet with a €6 double on roulette to claim the 1295/1 bet."

"We wish our customer the best of luck with their winnings."

GOOD DRY DAY



EMPTY FEELING

Dermot Muldoon will close his pub in Drumconrath on Good Friday

Village pubs stick to tradition and stay closed despite change in law

BY LOUISE WALSH

IT'S too bad if you want a drink on Good Friday in one village where the pubs will stay closed for the second year in a row.

All three bars in Drumconrath, Co Meath, will remain shut again ignoring legislation which allows publicans to legally serve alcohol.

Twelve months ago, opening on the religious festival for the first time in 90 years was hailed as a huge success by customers and many vintners.

But not so in Drumconrath, where publicans Dermot Muldoon, Pauline Fay and Pat Dempsey will keep their doors shut.

Mr Muldoon said: "Publicans get two days off in the whole year, just two, so we decided to keep that holiday as well as keeping up the tradition and having a bit of respect for our religion."

"Last year we got a lot of support from our customers, the majority of whom would observe fasting on the day and staying off the drink anyway."

"We said in last year that we would close and nothing has changed. What's wrong with a day off? It was a tradition among publicans here to spend the day with their own families."

"It was something different about Ireland that we were known for and that's all gone now."

"I used to always go up to Crossmaglen with my father and have something to eat and a chat with people so I'll still go up there on Friday and do the same with my children."

"I might even have a drink up there. It's the novelty factor of having a drink on the other side of the counter on a day you normally couldn't have one."

He added anyone wanting a venue to have a pint could easily go to pubs in nearby Kingscourt or Ardee which are about 10km away.

Pauline Fay of Fay's Bar said the day enables bar owners to completely switch off and spend the day with family.

She added: "Quality of life has no price. I always spent the day with my children and continue to do so. We're not opening because someone in Dublin says so. When you lose a tradition, you lose it for life."

"This year again, myself and my daughter will do the stations of the cross before doing a bit of shopping together. I don't think a bit of religion does anyone any harm."

"I've received 100% backing from my customers, some of whom have said that even if I was open, they wouldn't come in."

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We're not opening because someone in Dublin says so

PAULINE FAY
CO MEATH YESTERDAY

JP can't wait to putt out welcome mat for Tiger

BY EAMON DOGGETT

JP McManus has given the green light for his close friend Tiger Woods to return to Ireland after his remarkable Masters victory.

The 43-year-old US golfer stunned the sporting world by winning his first Major in 11 years at Augusta on Sunday.

And Woods, now only three

behind Jack Nicklaus' record haul, will play in McManus' Pro-Am at Adare Manor in Co Limerick for the fourth time in July 2020.

The businessman said: "It's exciting to have Tiger. He announced he was playing after Limerick won the All-Ireland which made it a great week for us."

A lot of the other top players in

the world have committed to coming. It's exciting times."

The event will attract other top stars such as Rory McIlroy, Justin Rose, Padraig Harrington and Shane Lowry, while amateurs will include Hollywood actors Mark Wahlberg and Hugh Grant.

But star billing will be reserved for Woods with McManus heaping

praise on his old friend for one of the best ever sporting comebacks.

He told RTE 2fm's Game On: "I could feel the adrenaline running through me."

"It was something else. This was one of the iconic moments in sport. People will remember where they were when Tiger won the Masters in 2019."



GOOD PALS Tiger and JP

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COLLISION Jake Anderson

Tragic Jake killed in road smash horror

BY MIRROR REPORTER

A MAN was killed when his car was involved in a head-on collision with a lorry.

Jake Anderson, 21, died after the crash in the townland of Ballingarrane, Co Tipperary, shortly before 8pm on Monday.

Gardai in Clonmel are investigating the incident and trying to establish what happened to cause the crash, which occurred on a wide, straight stretch of the N24, about a kilometre from the town.

The victim, from Fernville, Co Tipperary, was a popular member of the community and was involved in a number of sports including rowing and football.

He went to school in Clonmel and worked as an apprentice pipe-fitter.



QUIZZED Lucan station

OAP held in €1.5m drugs search find

BY LAURA LYNE

A PENSIONER was arrested after €1.5million worth of cannabis was found in a vehicle yesterday.

The find was made during a stop-and-search in West Dublin.

A man is being held at Lucan Garda station over the find.

A spokeswoman said: "As part of an intelligence-led operation, targeting organised criminality in the Dublin area, the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau stopped and searched a vehicle in West Dublin.

"Cannabis herb with an estimate street value of €1.5million (subject to analysis) was seized and a 66-year-old man was arrested at the scene. Investigations ongoing."

OPEN BOOK
Xpose
presenter
Cassie Stokes



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CASSIE STOKES IRISH
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I'm happy to be Xccepted as the 'gay woman' from the Telly...

Star Cassie hoping to break down stereotypes

KATIE GALLAGHER
Showbiz Reporter

CASSIE Stokes is happy to be the known as "the gay woman" on television if it means breaking stereotypes.

Due to her job, the newly-single Xpose presenter said she finds herself having to be open about her personal life.

But explaining why she doesn't mind baring her soul, the Dubliner told Irish Country Magazine: "Recently one of my friends was talking to this man.

"I think he was in his 70s, and he goes, 'Oh, there's one I really like on Xpose, the gay one'. And I think that's amazing.

"You know what? If I need to be 'the gay one' for people to open their minds and accept different things, then great."

Opening up about her own experience, she said: "When I was young there was no one that I looked up to and could relate to. So if by being open about it helps one person, then that's great, because there aren't many gay female TV presenters in Ireland.

"I think everyone has someone in their family now that is in the LGBTQ community, whether they're open about it yet or not.

"Which is why it's really important for people to keep talking about it, because maybe there's someone in a small town somewhere who still feels the shame of it.

"In fact, I know there is, because only recently someone reached out to me and they were terrified of admitting it." And

addressing her experience, Cassie said it is important to realise you can't pigeonhole people into boxes.

"If you think about gay men in the media industry, do they fit into the stereotype of what people would have of gay men?

"Most of them do. Whereas, are there many openly gay men in rugby or GAA? No, because the stereotype hasn't evolved too far yet.

"Now let's think of gay women in sports teams, is that a stereotype? Yes.

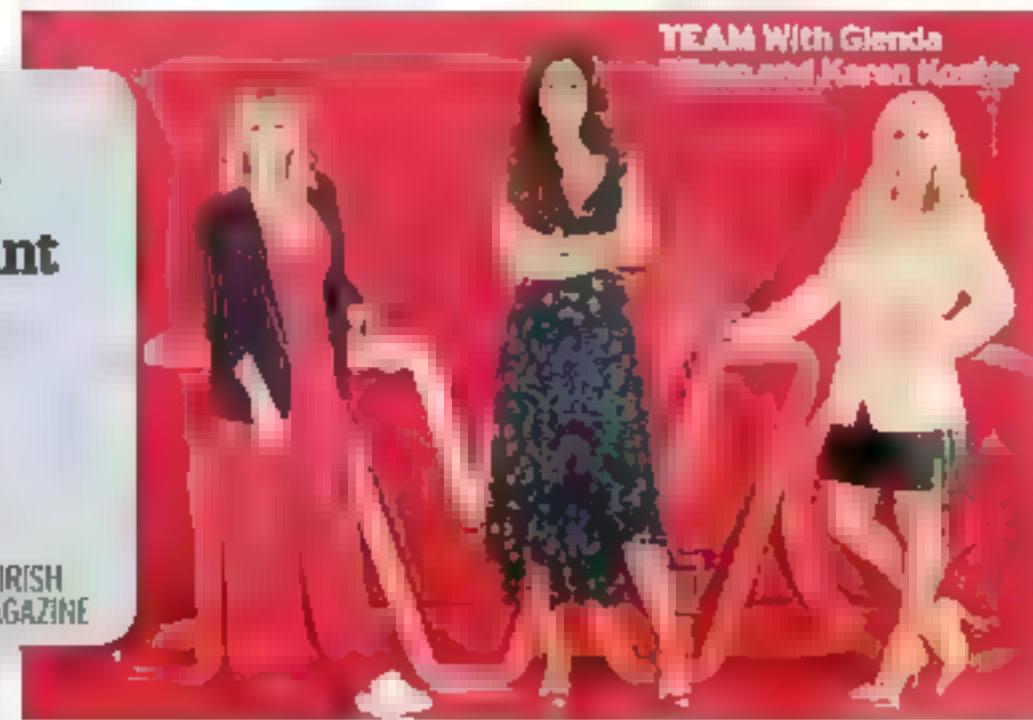
"Gay women on television? I don't know. Maybe. Which is why I want to be open about who I am, because nobody falls under a stereotype.

"Unfortunately, we've grown up with these stereotypes, and I'm just trying to change it for me. And it's positive. I think that's why it's very important that we keep talking about it."

Opening up about how her break-up with long-time partner Kathleen Gauvin affected her work, she said: "That's been difficult, but then I think about the nurses and doctors - they are the most amazing people ever, when they have a bad day, they can't stop caring for people.

"If I spent the whole night crying and I have to go to work I'm just going to have to use the bigger bag of make-up that day."

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GAMBLING RAP Paul Scholes

Scholes faces FA charge on match betting

BY PAUL BYRNE

FORMER England and Manchester United star Paul Scholes is facing an FA gambling rap.

The 44-year-old midfield legend has been charged over wagers he allegedly placed on games.

An FA statement yesterday said: "Paul Scholes has been charged with misconduct in relation to the FA's betting rules.

"It is alleged he placed 140 bets on football matches, contrary to FA Rule E8, between 17 August, 2015 and 12 January, 2019.

DIRECTOR

"He has until 26 April, 2019 to respond to the charge."

Scholes made 720 appearances for Manchester United in all competitions, winning 11 Premier League titles.

As part of his glittering career he also won 66 England caps, scoring 14 times.

After retiring from playing in 2013 he later became a part-owner of Salford City FC alongside former United team-mates.

Scholes quit as director of the National League club in February to take over as manager of Oldham Athletic.

But he spent only 31 days in the job, insisting his position at the Sky Bet League Two outfit had become untenable.

Man Utd's Butt held in 'domestic incident'

Police called to former midfielder's home



PROBE Nicky Butt at a game. Inset, the star's car packed out with boxes

BY TOM TOWERS

FORMER Manchester United and England midfielder Nicky Butt has reportedly been arrested on suspicion of assault.

Butt, 44, who is now head of the club's youth academy, was led away from his home in Hale, Greater Manchester, yesterday afternoon.

He allegedly had an argument with a woman and had arrived at 2pm to pick up some belongings.

An eyewitness said: "I saw him arrested at his home in Hale."

"From what I overheard, he went there to collect his belongings. There was a big argument and that's when he allegedly assaulted her."

A Greater Manchester Police spokeswoman did not confirm any names of those involved.

But she said: "Police were called at around 2pm on Tuesday, 16 April, to reports that a woman had been assaulted at a house in Hale."

The woman received a small cut to her hand and does not require hospital treatment.

"A 44-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of assault and remains in custody for



SCENE Butt's home in the village of Hale

questioning. Enquiries are ongoing."

Butt has been married to Shelley Barlow since 2008 and the couple have two children.

As well as his role at Manchester United, Butt is co-owner of National League outfit Salford City FC.

Butt owns a share of the football club along with his fellow former United stars David Beckham, Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes, and Gary and Phil Neville.

The players were all part of the legendary "Class of 92", who helped drive United to a string of trophies under then-manager Sir Alex Ferguson.

Butt's agent did not comment, nor did Salford FC secretary, Andy Giblin.

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HAVING A BALL Yvonne

Yvonne longs to see more of boyfriend

BY MIKIE O'LOUGHLIN

YVONNE Connolly has admitted her relationship with John Conroy is difficult because they spend so much time apart.

Her boyfriend is often abroad for long periods of time due to his work as a cinematographer.

But after six years together the 45-year-old said they are able to make it work.

She told RSVP Live: "He has always been away from the moment I met him."

"It is not like we had all of this time together that was taken away from us, it is all we know. We feel very lucky to have each other."

Yvonne, who has three children with ex-husband Ronan Keating, is an ambassador for the revamped Aviva Soccer Sisters programme.



BIG SISTER Daniel & Margo

Margo tried to put Daniel off music scene

BY KATIE GALLAGHER

MARGO O'Donnell has revealed she tried to put her brother Daniel off pursuing music.

The older sister of the country star has previously opened up about their rocky relationship since their mother Julia passed away almost five years ago.

Speaking about her late mum, the 68-year-old told The Ryan Tubridy Show: "She was important to me and to Daniel, she inspired us."

"She wasn't able to sing but she knew all the songs and encouraged us all and encouraged Daniel a great deal."

"Because I did not encourage Daniel, I didn't want him to do what I had done because it was a hard life out there for a woman when I was starting out."

PAWS FOR SUPPORT

Leo Varadkar, Patricia Lee and Helen McEntee at yesterday's launch

Leo leads the way for charity

LEO Varadkar barked out his support yesterday as he launched next month's Guide Dog Day.

The Taoiseach praised the work of Irish Guide Dogs, the charity which aims to change the lives of those who are visually impaired or living with autism.

He said: "I know the organisation

is determined to provide services for even more people this year, so I encourage everyone to get involved in Guide Dog Day on Friday, May 10."

"You can offer to buy a Guide Dog Day pin, volunteer to help out on the day, or donate online at www.guidedogs.ie/donate."



'COMPUTER SEARCHES DON'T PROVE MURDER'

BY EOIN REYNOLDS

JURORS cannot convict someone on the basis of computer searches, a lawyer for murder accused Patrick Quirke insisted yesterday.

The 50-year-old denies killing Bobby Ryan and dumping his body in a tank almost eight years ago.

The part-time DJ known as Mr Moonlight went missing after leaving his girlfriend Mary Lowry's home on June 3, 2011.

The 52-year-old's body was found in April 2013 in an underground run-off tank on the Fawnagowan farm in Co Tipperary, which was owned by Ms



KILLED Mr Ryan

Lawyer urges jurors to acquit accused in 'love rival' trial



CHARGED Quirke

Lowry and leased by the defendant. Quirke's lawyer Bernard Condon criticised the Garda and told the jury they had been given substandard evidence due to failures in the investigation.

He asked jurors to imagine themselves or a person they love in Quirke's position.

He said he had done what he could to assist gardai and then had everything interpreted in the worst possible way, being accused based on what Ms Lowry said and "a couple of internet searches".

Prosecutors said Quirke, from Breamore, Co Tipperary, killed Mr Ryan

so he could rekindle an affair with the 52-year-old. Mr Condon completed his eight-hour speech to the jury yesterday by asking them to acquit his client.

He urged them to look fairly and with nuance at the evidence that Quirke's computer was used to search for information on DNA and "human body decomposition" while Mr Ryan was still a missing person. He said they could not convict based on those searches.

The jury will return next Tuesday to hear the judge's charge from Justice Eileen Creedon before they begin their deliberations.

THE DIARY

with Ashleigh Rainbird

 After seven weeks with the UK's No 1 single, Lewis Capaldi is suffering the perils of fame. The Someone You Loved singer has warned fans who think they have matched with him on Tinder that they could be talking to an imposter.

The singer says he'd never ask to send photos of his manhood because he's "not a weirdo" and because "it's not very impressive. I don't even want to show it to people who want to see it at the best of times".

He adds: "The only time I've taken what could be perceived as a nude picture was because I thought I had haemorrhoids. I couldn't make out what was going on down there."

 It's important for modern chart stars to tweet, but these musical wannabes are really taking things to extremes. The RSPB is releasing a single of pure birdsong to highlight the loss of 44 million birds over the last 50 years.

The tune - out next Friday - features chirrups from 25 birds, including a woodpecker rhythm section, cranes providing "brass" and the "booming bass of the bittern".



Prue can help write my love scenes...? Toksvig!

Sandi Toksvig's wife acted as a consultant for lesbian sex scenes in Prue Leith's new novel.

The Great British Bake Off judge recruited her co-star's wife, psychotherapist Debbie, to help with her book *The Lost Son* - and in the acknowledgements thanks her for having "approved my chapters on a lesbian love affair".

Raunchy extracts include a shower scene where two characters soap one another - in detail - before drying each other "feverishly", which is described as "the sexiest thing they had ever done".



NOVEL IDEA Prue Leith asked Sandi's wife Debbie for help

In her final pages, Prue thanks various friends who provided expert insight into different topics.

She quipped: "Looking at the list you could be forgiven for thinking that I

knew very little about anything. But at least the story is my own, and I know it's the better for the help of my friends."

Sandi Toksvig and wife Debbie joined in a civil partnership in 2007 before renewing their vows on March 29, 2014 - the day same-sex marriage was introduced in England and Wales.

In December of that year their civil partnership was converted into a marriage.

Prue, 70, describes her book as "a sweeping family saga full of revelations and family secrets".



VINDATWO Damien and Keith Allen of Fat Les

King of Britpop gossip

If you can remember Britpop, you probably weren't there, but Savage & Best PR man Phill Savidge has packed so many top anecdotes into his memoirs it'll feel like you were.

"Damien Hirst gave me 15 grand in a plastic bag because he wanted

me to do the PR for Fat Les's *Vindaloo*, which went on to sell a million," Phill tells me. "After a few games of snooker I gave it back to him and sorted out a better deal."

Lunch With The Wild Frontiers is out on May 24.

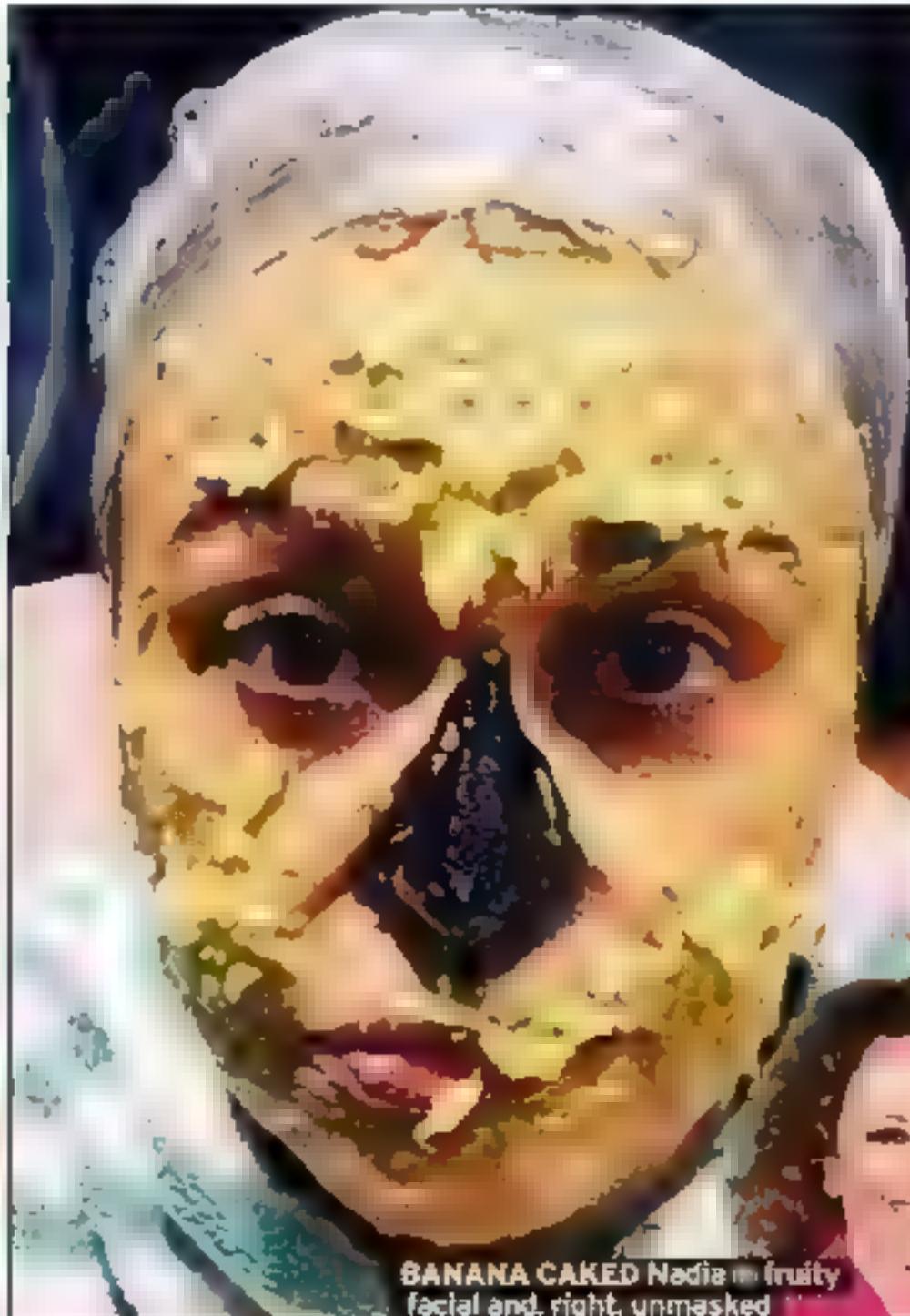
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BANANA CAKE! Nadia in fruity facial and, right, unmasked

RELAXING BLEND OF.. FRIDGE CONTENTS

 It might look like Nadia Sawalha just lost a battle with a blender, but she's actually "relaxing".

How better to relax than by slathering the contents of your fridge on your face?

The Loose Women star combines banana and avocado with yoghurt and honey, and wraps her hair in clingfilm.

"Although I don't look happy I'm actually very happy," she insists.



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Increase in Google searches for "can you have sex with a priest" during *Fleabag*. "That's extraordinary," says Andrew Scott, 42, who played the show's Hot Priest.



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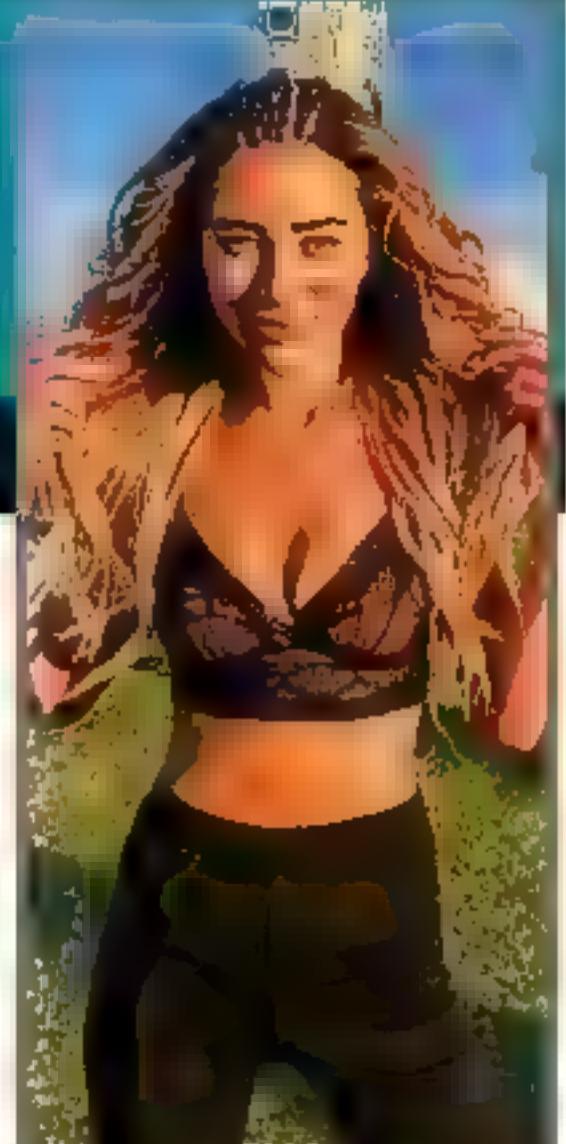
"When you're going on the news at home, shirt on top pyjamas on the bottom," she advises.



I am sure many of us will have made a mistake at work - unfortunately for me mine is a lot more public than most. Mea culpa.

Sky news presenter and landlady Jayne Secker admits her tone and content were "wrong" after she was criticised for being patronising and insinuating young renters couldn't change their own lightbulbs.

IAN HYLAND IS AWAY



 A Love Islander at Coachella festival - the perfect social media picture. But did Montana Brown have a fabulous time in the Californian desert?

Not really. She warns her followers the festival isn't as picture perfect as it appears. "I had blisters from my shoes," complains the star.

"It's not as glam as it looks. You gotta pick sand and dust out your hair and nostrils."

Brilliantly, she still plugged the brands that paid for her trip in her post. Fortunately, they didn't make her shoes.

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WORLD

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Dog's life for lucky pooch

A DOG found swimming 220km off shore by workers on an oil rig crew in the Gulf of Thailand has been returned safely to land.

The crew lowered a rope and secured it around the animal's neck to haul it up. They called the pooch "Boon Rod," or "Survivor".

Blew away by lottery win

A NORTH Carolina man almost lost out on a \$433,000 lottery jackpot.

John Hepburn stashed the ticket with several others in his car door.

But a gust of wind blew most away - he checked the remaining few and found he'd hit the jackpot.

Cops caught on the hop

POLICE in the Netherlands said it took 10 officers to round up a pair of wallabies that escaped from a zoo.

Cops responded to a report of the animals - a smaller cousin of the kangaroo - hopping on a motorway in Kerkrade.

Given the slip by car snake

AN Australian family were left in shock after a snake slithered out from their car bonnet.

It slithered on to windscreen as they were heading to the airport.

The driver pulled over and called cops but they were unable to find it.

Four pages of puzzles inside



A crowd pleaser...

BY TOM BRYANT Head of Showbiz

HIS songs are sung on football terraces and by the biggest names in pop history, including Elvis.

Yet while Les Reed's music may be instantly recognisable, the modest man behind the hits was not.

That did not stop one of music's biggest stars lining up to pay tribute to the songwriter, who died yesterday aged 83. Sir Tom Jones, who co-wrote with Les hits Delilah and It's Not Unusual, said: "So sorry to hear the news of the passing of my friend and colleague."

"Les was a gifted songwriter and arranger instrumental in penning many a hit, including two important songs for me... Les was a lovely man, a legend in the world of songwriting whose legacy will live through his music."

His songs have been recorded by Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Otis Redding and Bing Crosby. British artists include Lulu, Shirley Bassey, Petula Clark and Sandie Shaw. He also played piano on the original James Bond theme.

Reed was also well-known to Leeds United fans as the co-writer of Leeds! Leeds! - the B-side to the club's 1972 FA Cup final single. The song became better known as Marching on Together and has been sung on the terraces ever since.

And Delilah has become the staple anthem of Stoke City and Welsh rugby union fans have taken

ONE OF GREATEST Les in 2014

NO1 WALTZ

Celebrating with star Engelbert



it to their hearts. One of his biggest hits was The Last Waltz for Engelbert Humperdinck, which spent five weeks at No1 in the charts.

Reed, who wrote more than 2,000 songs and was producer or arranger on more than 5,000 recordings, also served as a pianist in The John Barry Seven and conducted his own orchestra.

His family said in a statement: "We are all so immensely proud of everything Les achieved in his incredible lifetime."

"We know his name will be remembered for what he did for music and that he will always live through his songs and compositions for the rest of time."

Reed, of Hampshire, who was born in Woking, Surrey, once said: "Elvis was a fan. People have told me he'd often talk about the arrangements I did for Tom and Engelbert."

"When I started playing with my combo, I used to emulate Floyd Kramer. I thought he was one of the greatest country pianists. Years later, Floyd became a session player with Elvis, and Elvis would tell Floyd, 'Play it exactly like Les.' Of Delilah, he said: "Some kind of magic happened with the singer, the song, the recording, that no one can really explain."

Reed is survived by his daughter Donna, who he had with late wife June, and grandsons Alex and Dom.

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Lifted my soul.. & broke my heart

BY NIGEL WISKAR
Daily Mirror's Rugby League fanatic

I HAD never heard of Les Reed and yet he unwittingly soundtracked some of the greatest highs and lows of my life.

The second the glorious intro of It's Not Unusual opens up, you will find no one quicker to hit the dance floor. If that Tom

Jones tune doesn't fill your heart with joy then you've no soul. Yet Marching on Together - adopted by the Leeds Rhinos rugby league side - brings only despair.

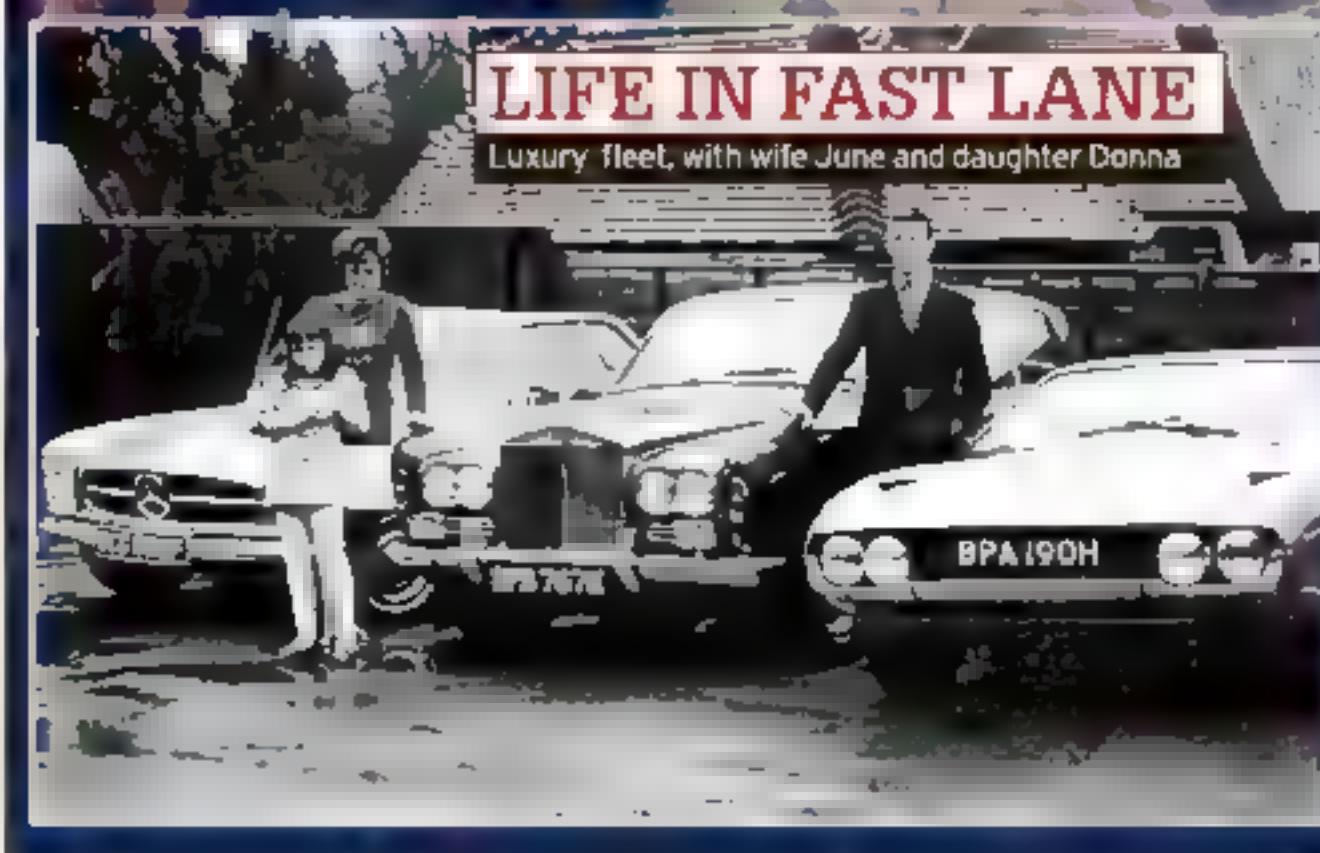
From 2007 to 2011 they beat my Huddersfield team in four out of five Super League Grand Finals at Old Trafford. That nauseating chant haunts me to this day.

Tom's tribute to legend Les Reed as Delilah songwriter dies aged 83



HITS PAIR

Working with Sir Tom Jones





ORIGINAL CAST, 1972
Frazer, circled, when soap was called Emmerdale Farm

EXCLUSIVE
BY MARK JEFFERIES
Showbiz Editor

ORIGINAL Emmerdale cast member Frazer Hines says he wants to come back from the dead and return to the soap.

The actor, 74, played Joe Sugden in 1,500 episodes from the premiere in 1972 until he quit in 1994.

Bosses killed Joe off in a car crash in Spain in 1995, despite Frazer begging them to keep him alive.

He said: "The fans always want me back, they say, 'Why don't you come back for six months as a guest?' And I would do that."

Frazer admits he would be up for a short comeback as he has always been disappointed that he was not able to bow out on screen, and insists it would be believable.

He said: "I left Emmerdale because I got sick of going to work when it was dark and coming home when it was dark, I'd just got married and owned a stud farm. And so I said I would leave."

"Then, 18 months later, I met the

Emmerdale's Frazer: Bring me back to life

Star hopes to return to TV soap

producer and he said, 'We are thinking of bringing you back in six months' time. And I said, 'Well, I'm doing this, that and the other. And he went, 'Well if you don't come back we'll kill you off.' So I said, 'Don't kill him off, leave him in Spain. And they killed him off in a car crash.'

He added: "Fans say 'because it was the Spanish police investigating, it might not have been your body'."

Twice-married Frazer appeared in TV shows such as *Dalziel and Pascoe* and *Outlander* after leaving *Emmerdale*. He still acts and has been in a number of independent films.

When not acting, he attends Dr Who conventions to meet fans and sign autographs.

He played companion Jamie with second Doctor Patrick Troughton between 1966 and 1969. Frazer admitted he does not watch current episodes of *Emmerdale* but enjoys the repeats on ITV3.

He said: "I just don't want to do five episodes a week, on a treadmill all the time. I have a great life."

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FLAT CAP Joe, right, with Alan Turner in soap

In the black.. or in the dark

ONE in 10 people have not checked their bank balance in six months.

A poll says 33% of us check it every day, 44% once a week and 13% every fortnight.

The study by discounts app USE also says 15% run out of cash at the end of each month.

SCOPING OUT LIFE

A NASA telescope has found a planet, past the sun that's too hot to live on but raises hopes of finding ones cool enough for life.

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ELDERLY SIBLINGS WHO SHOW NO

EXCLUSIVE

BY LUCY THORNTON

Here are six elderly siblings, aged 67 to 90, who think retirement is a dirty word and still work up to 18 hours a day, seven days a week.

Joan Ward, 90, is the nation's oldest greengrocer. Gordon Bird, 84, is a newsagent. Gilbert Bird, 80, has a carpet shop. Patricia Luhrs, 79, runs a cafe. Alwyn Bird, 75, is a hotelier and the baby of the family. Melvyn Bird, 67, is a motorbike riding instructor.

One still chases thieves from his shop, another is planning a motorbike trip across Russia and the eldest won't let broken bones stop her grafting.

But ask any of these Barnsley-born siblings when they plan to retire and they burst into fits of laughter and tell you to "stop swearing".

Alwyn says: "Retiring is not a word to us. We can't stop working until our older sister does."

All the clan, who between them have 15 children, 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, still drive, own their own homes and have never claimed benefits.

They put their work ethic down to a "tough childhood". Some started work aged three and six on their dad's horse-drawn greengrocery cart.

They were so poor they couldn't afford toothbrushes or underwear and used old sag packets to block up the holes in their shoes. It has been a hard life, but their positive mental attitude drives them on, even now.

The chatty gang couldn't stop laughing as they spoke to us about their "infectious" addiction to work.

Joan, a mum of three, runs her stall single-handedly and has worked six days a week for 67 years. She still drives her Ford van collecting her produce and refuses to take time off. A few weeks ago she fell but was soon back at work despite having 10 stitches in a bad head wound.

She says: "People like coming in here because they get a smile and I like chatting to people. What's 90? I feel 60."

Her daughter, Kate, 60, runs a card shop at the same market in Wath upon Dearne, South Yorks, where her mum works.

Kate says: "Nobody can retire until my mum retires because she'd frown on us."

"I once watched her packing apples with a broken arm. I really had to persuade her to let me take her to the hospital."

Gordon was a miner for almost 20 years, working at the coal face, before starting his newsagent business. He starts work at Mellors News in Cudworth, South Yorks, at 4.45am.

WAR BABIES
Joan and brother Gilbert in 1941

NEWSAGENT GORDON, 84



HOTELIER ALWYN, 75



GREENGROCER JOAN, 90



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seven days a week. Gordon says: "I've sold the Daily Mirror for 52 years and I've never been late with the papers and never not delivered. I've two members of staff who are the best in the world. I trust them with my life."

Talking about his upbringing, he says: "My father was brought out of the pit, near dead after an accident. He had a head injury and

couldn't work. You couldn't get social security then so he took up a horse and cart and started as a greengrocer.

"Our childhood was very tough, basically we had very little to eat because it was wartime."

"I was six when I started going on the horse and cart with him to Barnsley Market for produce. The only thing we knew was work."

Gordon admits he is the joker of the family, but crooks targeting his business don't find him that funny.

Just a few weeks ago he chased a youth for 100 yards after he tried to pass him a forged £20 note.

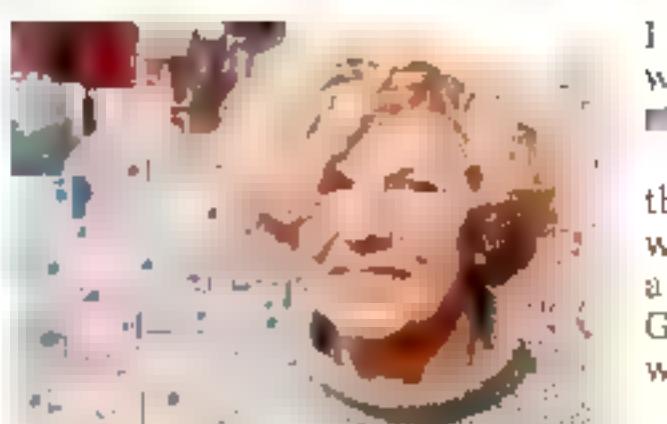
He says: "I told him I was going to confiscate it and he snatched it out of my hand and ran out of the shop with a girl. I chased them through the car

park, shouting, 'He's a bloody thief'. There was video of them so the police got their car number."

On another occasion thieves fleeing his shop were pelted with objects, including a vase, from the flat above. Gordon says: "My wife was worried she was going to be next out the window."

Dad-of-one Gilbert has run G & E Carpet Shop in Glossop, Derbyshire, for 48 years after starting out as a slaughterman and then sheepskin salesman.

He says: "I work six days a week, if I'm lucky. Sometimes I only work five if my grandson helps out on a Saturday." Asked what he loves about his job, he says: "The lifting. It keeps you fit picking up carpet and underlay."



SELLING POINT Joan's daughter Kate at work in her shop selling greeting cards

Big sister Joan still keeps him on his toes. He says: "If I'm out doing a measure and she rings up and speaks to my wife, she says, 'Why's he not working?' Gilbert also started work young. He says: "I was only three when

SIGN OF RETIRING...



went on the horse and cart. My job was to keep the tomatoes warm to stop them cracking with the frost."

His sister Pat carries on serving in the cafe as we all chat. She worked with children with learning difficulties and was kept on until she was 70. Gilbert had persuaded her to retire, but three weeks later she was back at work.

She says: "It was like waiting for God. I watched as someone weeded their garden and decided it wasn't for me. After I finished my garden, I thought, 'What now?' Then Joan told me someone had walked out of the cafe and I said, 'I'll take it'."

She now works six days a week from 8am to 4pm before starting on her second job, making wedding cakes.

She too started work young. By the

time she was 11, her parents had got themselves a fish and chip shop, and Pat was put to work frying spuds.

Dad-of-four Alwyn, who was in the Navy and served in the Falklands, now runs the Oakleigh Hotel in Blackpool, Lancs, with his wife Muriel, 74.

They work seven days a week, starting with breakfasts, then cleaning and then running the bar, an 18-hour day 11 times.

Alwyn, who started work aged eight, peeling spuds in the chippie like Pat, says: "When we see these kids and the teachers closing schools down because of snow, we wonder why. Because our dad would say, 'Here's a shovel' and we used to have to dig our way to school."

Melvyn, who spent 24 years in the

Army, owns the Birds Bike Academy in Barnsley, South Yorks, working 12 to 13 hours a day, seven days a week.

But he will have time off soon as he is planning a 7,000-mile ride across Russia to the Pacific Ocean. He arrives at the cafe carrying his helmet, chuffed after booking a client on his way in.

His brothers tease him, saying he had it easy as he was "the baby".

But Melvyn was just three when their mum Kitty died of a stroke.

He says: "Everybody is here to support you in this family. They won't carry you, they'll give you a kick up the arse and say, 'Get your act together'."

"But we're 11 millionaires because we're 11 happy."

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DUCTOR MELVYN, 67 CARPET SHOP OWNER GILBERT, 80

CAFE OWNER PATRICIA, 79

SQUARE EYES

with Nicola Methven & Mark Jefferies

Late Loose

Nadia Sawalha says the Loose Women are preparing for their naughtiest show yet - a live late-night show.

Insiders at ITV say show bosses will monitor the live gig to see if there is any chance it might work on screen in future - after the 9pm watershed.

Ahead of the show at Birmingham NEC on May 17 Nadia said: "I mean there's bound to be a sex topic and we will be far naughtier. But again we don't want to be crude."

"It's the Loose you love, but with a bit of an edge. It could be easy to go really extreme but we don't want it to be tacky. It's about turning the volume up a couple of notches. Full fat."



DREAM Actress
Millie Bobby Brown

Loose, not Light Loose. We're not going to suddenly lose all sense of decency."

Andrea McLean will head up the panel and make sure there is some kind of order. She said: "People want the familiarity, if it's too different to the TV show, people will feel a bit discombobulated."

The Loose Women also revealed their dream guests for the future on ITV with Nadia adding: "I always want to say somebody that will make my kids think I'm cool. So maybe Drake? Or Millie Bobby Brown, she is just amazing. She is 16, she is producing a movie, she is so smart and a good role model."

Andrea said: "If we could get Adele, that would be great." You can get tickets at www.thismorninglive.co.uk.

WELL I NEVER!

Line of Duty actress Maya Sondhi says actor Adrian Dunbar, pictured, sings on set between takes - and joked it could lead to a dramatic change in genre for the hit BBC show.

She said: "When Adrian starts singing on set it's a beautiful moment. He sings folk stuff."

"He's got an amazing voice."

"Did you not know that's what series six is? It's Line of Duty the Musical."



No sex is turning on Vera viewers

Brenda Blethyn believes the secret of Vera's success is no sex, swearing or gore and people always want to hug her.

Filming starts this month for the 10th series of the ITV crime drama. Brenda said: "I think Vera is successful because it makes you feel good about yourself and because Vera is a woman of a certain age I find families watch it."

"There's no gore, no swearing, or it's very mild. It's classic Sunday night viewing: there's a real warmth and you know dad, he's watching, isn't lustful after Vera... well, he might be. So it's a family show."



Number of viewers who have watched Black Mirror on Netflix. Creator Charlie Brooker admits bosses won't reveal audience figures.

ON TV

THE BEST OF TODAY'S TV WITH KATIE GALLAGHER

EMMERDALE
Virgin Media One, 7pm

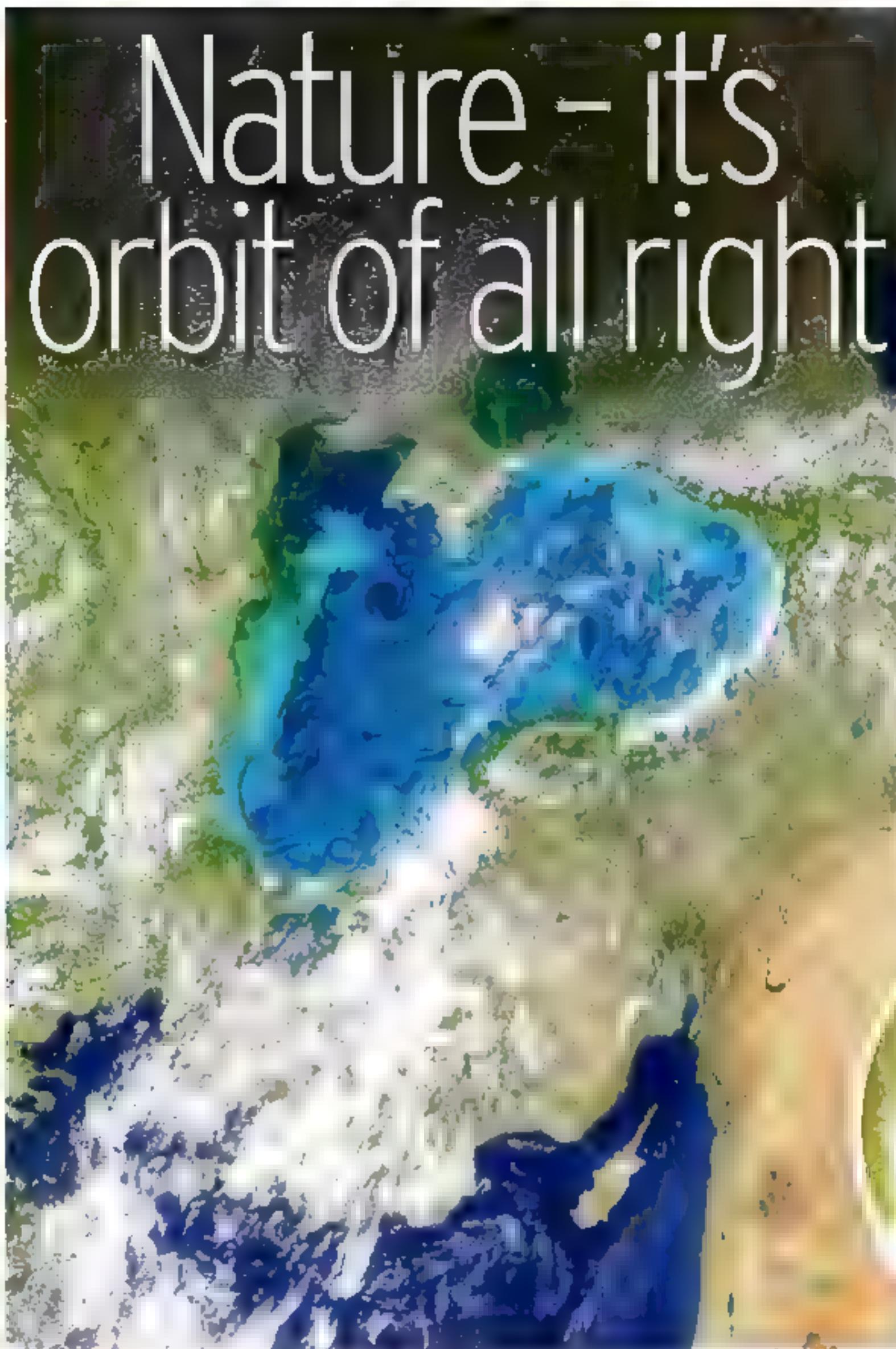
Matty's been a bag of nerves all week as he prepares for surgery. Molra goes along with him to the appointment with the consultant, not too happy that he and Victoria had been boozing the night before. During the meeting she does all the talking as the doctor explains the procedure, but Matty is left fuming at her interference and makes it clear he doesn't want her at the hospital.

DODGY DEALINGS
Gary's doing debt collections for Rick

CORONATION STREET
Virgin Media One, 7.30pm and 8.30pm

You'd think Gary Windass would have learned his lesson by now. But nope, he continues to lie to the woman he loves and get himself caught up in even more trouble. Keen to find out what he's up to, Sarah follows him and sees him getting into a van with a woman. He's not having an affair, but is working for dodgy geezer Rick doing debt collections. Looks as if things are about to turn violent.

UNHAPPY
Molra is annoyed with Matty



EARTH FROM SPACE
BBC1, 9pm

YOU have to hand it to the BBC's Natural History Unit - it keeps pushing the boundaries of incredible telly.

It has transported us up mountains, across deserts, into the clouds, deep under the ocean - pretty much everywhere.

So it stands to reason that the next dimension to conquer is space. And thanks to the dozens of satellites that circle the earth, now that can be done too.

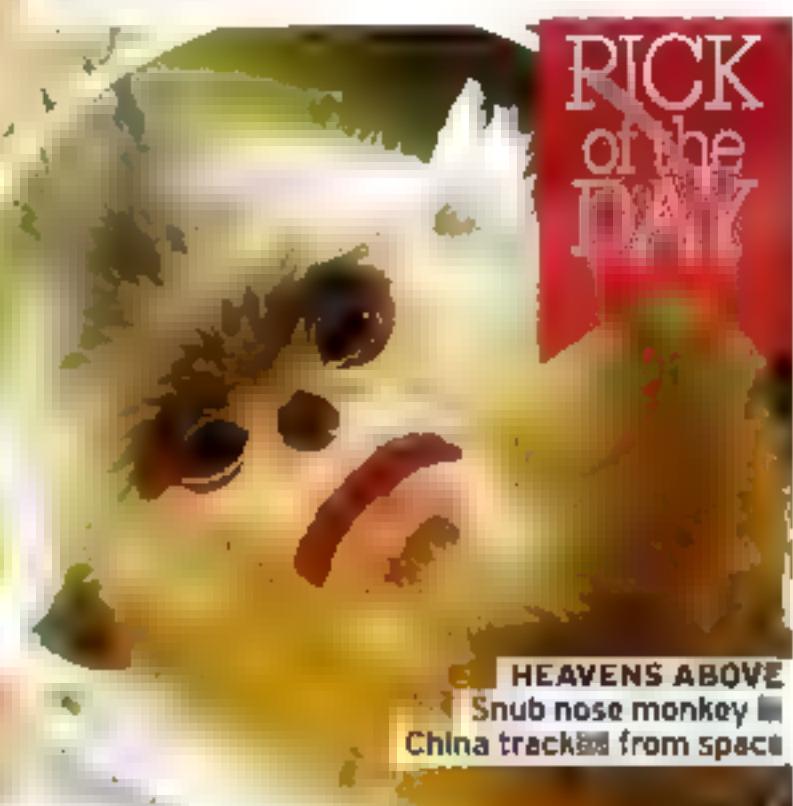
It's like having another camera crew hundreds of miles up in the sky. Thanks to incredible technology, we can see vast swathes of our planet which have been previously hidden, and also zoom right down on those areas to see individual animals and humans.

It can do things like track a herd of elephants through North Kenya from orbit, while also following them closely on the ground. That meta-perspective gives us a chance to view the ever-changing landscape, and unfortunately also see the damage being caused, as well as tell the story of the natural world like never before.

Time-lapse photography shows how the land is transformed after the first rain following a drought, how underwater volcanoes have shaped the landscape, and even how new penguin colonies have been identified thanks to their poo!

There are some remarkable sights which can be viewed from space in fascinating detail.

Narrated by actor Chiwetel Ejiofor (nope, no Sir David Attenborough this time - we'll just have to deal with it), this is epic and mind-blowing telly.



GARDEN PARTY

Karen and Michael

This week, Michael Kelly shows viewers how to grow their own French Beans while Karen O'Donohoe visits Ireland's new festival, All Together Now.

Michael says French beans are one of the most straight forward vegetables to grow.

This week he shows viewers how to get their own.

Meanwhile, Karen heads to the festival held in Portlaoise, Co Waterford with sustainability as well as art and music at its core.

Organisers made the festival a plastic-free zone with traders directed to only use compostable packaging with strictly no single-use plastics allowed.

Michael then visits Tramore Educate Together to serve pupils lunch as part of Eat Together.

The social eating programme, co-developed by GIY with the school, aims to help children connect with food by sitting down to eat at a table instead of wolfing down half a sandwich.

Later, chef Katie Sanderson makes beans on toast - but in a whole new way.

STACEY DOOLEY INVESTIGATES - SHOT BY MY NEIGHBOUR

RTE Two, 10.30pm

The terror between communities in the North during the Troubles may have passed, but violence within communities goes on.

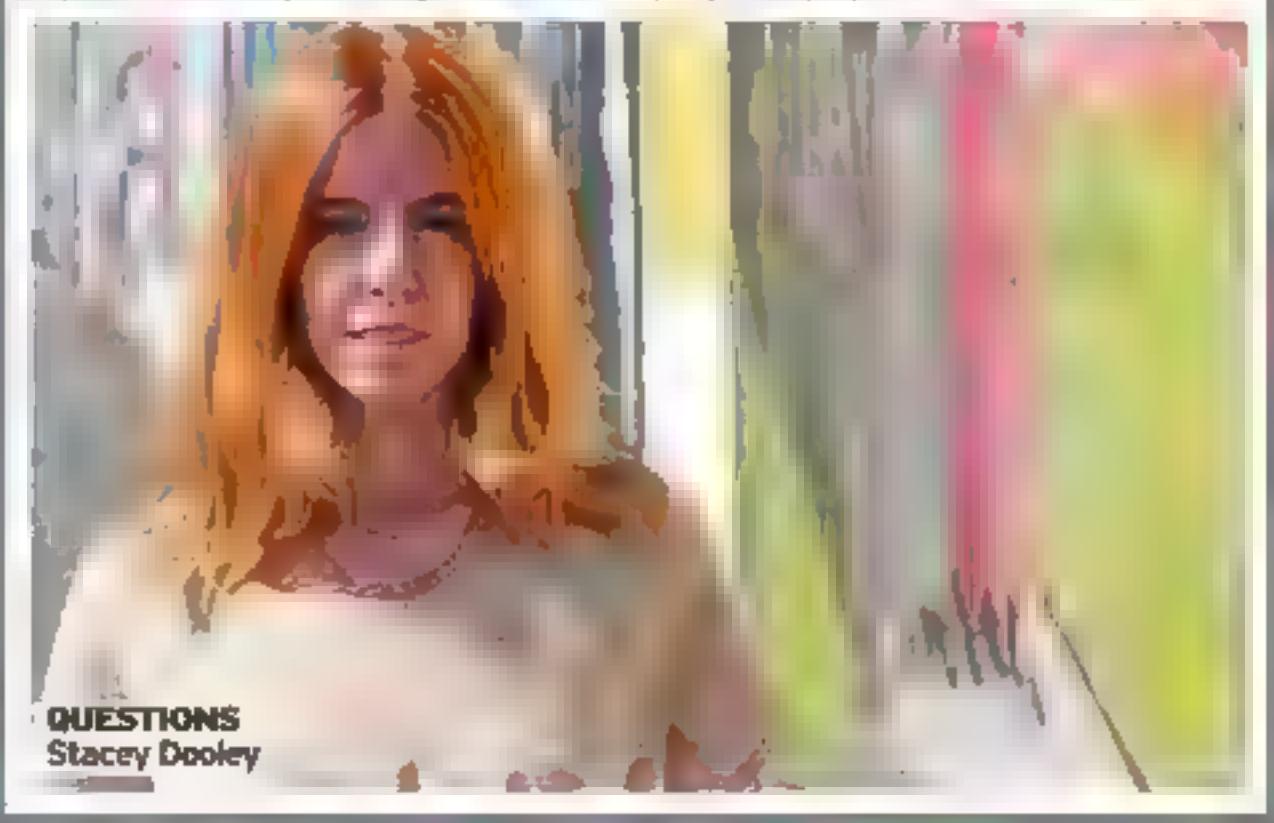
Stacey Dooley meets victims of "kneecappings", as well as those who are standing up to the attackers.

There's a significantly growing number of punishment attacks inside republican and loyalist neighbourhoods

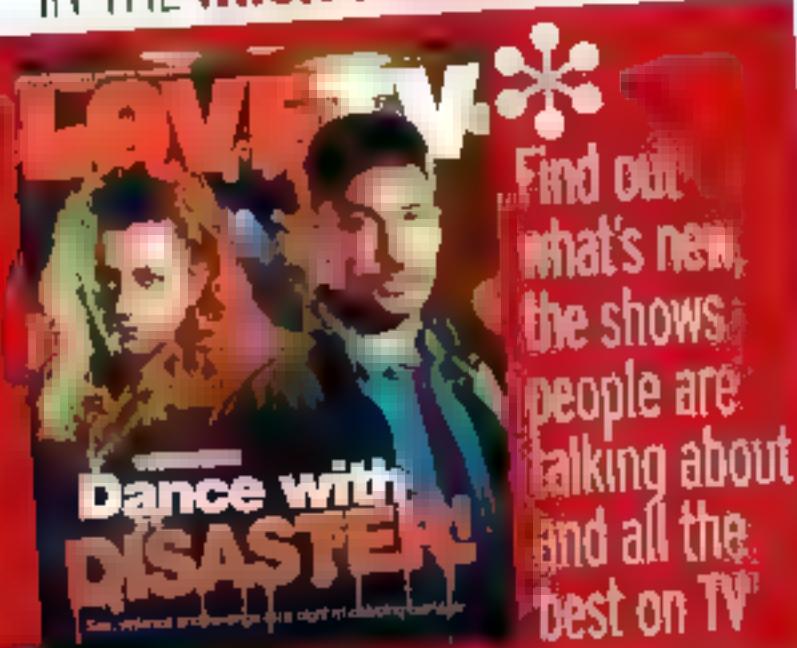
- and the main victims are young people. Focusing on republican areas, Strictly Come Dancing star Stacey discovers how paramilitary gangs dish out their own rough justice for anti-social behaviour like drug dealing and vandalism.

Those who commit these crimes might expect to be shot in the legs by people who live in the same neighbourhood.

Stacey meets people living in these areas to try and understand why some defend the armed gangs who act as judge and jury.



IN THE IRISH MIRROR SATURDAY



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RTE ONE

6.00am EuroNews
 7.35 Teleshopping
 8.10 Today with Maura and Dailthi Magazine show (R)
 10.05 The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 11.00 Dr Phil
 11.55 Shortland Street
 12.25pm Doctors Mrs Tembe faces a great challenge, while Ayesha meets an old friend
 1.00 RTE News
 1.30 Home and Away Dean breaks into the mailbox, while Ben questions his commitment
 2.00 Neighbours Mark begins an investigation into the identity of the hit-and-run driver, and Miranda is suspected
 2.25 EastEnders Kathy is surprised to learn Lola's news, and Sash makes an announcement (R)
 3.00 Fair City Doug feels betrayed by Ray's lack of trust (R)
 3.30 Today with Maura and Dailthi Magazine show
 5.40 Nuacht
 6.00 The Angelus
 6.01 RTE News

RTE TWO

6.00am EuroNews 7.00 Living with a Fairy 7.05 Bing Bunny 7.20 Peek Zoo 7.30 Everything's Rosie 7.40 Dream Street 8.00 Curious George 8.25 Matt Hatter Chronicles 8.50 Pig, Goat, Banana, Cricket 9.15 Jamie Johnson 9.45 Horrible Histories 10.20 Deadly Top Tens 10.50 FILM Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995/U) Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter and Michael Madsen ★★★ 12.35pm Pig, Goat, Banana, Cricket 1.00 Scooby-Doo 1.25 Teen Titans Go! 1.50 Matt Hatter Chronicles 2.15 Strange Hill High 2.40 The Next Step 3.05 The Bagel and Becky Show 3.20 Austin & Ally 3.45 Corneil and Bernie 4.00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show Light-hearted chat show 5.00 The Simpsons (R) 6.00 Neighbours Bea and Karl question their judgement (R) 6.30 Home and Away Raffy decides to quit school (R)

VIRGIN ONE

6.00am The Tonight Show Matt Cooper and Ivan Yates give their take on major stories (R) 7.00 Ireland AM A topical mixture of interviews, lifestyle features and news stories 10.30 This Morning Lifestyle magazine, featuring celebrity interviews and showbiz news 12.30pm News at 12.30 1.00 The Chase Two editions of the quiz show where Bradley Walsh hosts as four players take on a trivia genius (R) 3.00 Elaine Host Elaine Crowley presents in-depth interviews 4.00 The Lazy Chef Simon Lamont rustles up a lazy chicken pasta roast that packs the flavour but cuts the time (R) 4.30 Judge Judy Judge Judith Sheindlin presides over family cases, small claims disputes and marital dissensions ■ 5.30 News ■ 5.30 6.00 The Six O'Clock Show Featuring some of Ireland's celebrities and sampling food from the country's best chefs

VIRGIN TWO

7.20am Big Star's Little Star Stephen Mulhern invites youngsters to spill the beans about their parents (R) 8.20 Tipping Point Four players take on the coin-drop quiz (R) 9.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show Double bill of the talk show, featuring confrontations (R) 11.30 Ireland AM A topical mix of lifestyle interviews, features and leading headlines (R) 12.30pm Loose Women The panel show welcomes a famous face for topical discussion 1.30 Bondi Rescue Cameras follow lifeguards in Australia (R) 2.00 Emmerdale Robert and Aaron are offered hope (R) 2.30 Emmerdale Falh's attempt to help goes awry, while Matty confides ■ Victoria (R) 3.00 Xpose The team presents entertainment updates and the newest fashion trends (R) 4.00 Tipping Point Two editions of the coin-drop quiz (R) 6.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents the quiz show (R)

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Headlines 9.15 Animal Park Easter Special Two hippos are grumpy (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer Property programme (R) 11.00 The Sheriffs Are Coming (R) 11.45 Close Calls: On Camera 12.15pm Bargain Hunt A contest at Newbury Racecourse (R) 1.00 BBC News 1.30 BBC Newsline 1.45 Doctors Karen takes on a lot of work with her VPAS visits 2.15 Curiosity Paul Martin hosts the collectibles competition 3.00 Escape to the Country In the rural East Midlands (R) 3.45 Home Is Where the Art Is The artists are heading to an art-loving home in Cheshire 4.30 The Repair Shop Suzie Fletcher tackles the repair of a worn out leather pouffe 5.15 Pointless Low-scoring quiz 6.00 BBC News 6.30 BBC Newsline 6.55 Party Election Broadcast by the UK Independence Party

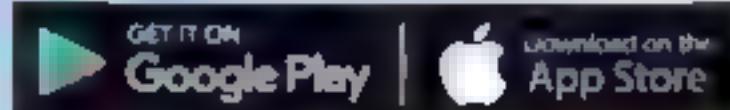
BBC2

6.30am The Repair Shop (R) 7.15 Home Is Where the Art Is (R) 8.00 Mary Berry's Quick Cooking At the HMS Defender (R) 8.30 Gardeners' World Monty Don tends the veg plot (R) 9.00 BBC News: Weather 10.00 Victoria Derbyshire Topical news and in-depth discussion 11.00 BBC Newsroom Live 1.00pm The Boss Presented by Susan Calman (R) 1.45 Back in Time for Dinner Double bill: the family experience the 1970s; the clan enter the 1980s (R) 3.45 The Hairy Biker Two editions: Dave Myers visits Ampleforth, North Yorkshire; Dave Myers is in Leicester (R) 4.45 Eggheads Jeremy Vine hosts the long-running quiz (R) 5.15 Flog It! Paul Martin and the team are in Gloucester (R) 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Hugh Dennis and Beattie Edmondson (R) 6.30 Island Medics At the Gilbert Bain Hospital ■ Shetland (R)

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7.00 Nationwide The team presents an eclectic round-up of the latest news and events from across the country

7.30 Desperate Houses Roisin Murphy meets a family of seven at their three-bedroom house in Leixlip, Co Kildare (R) 8.00 Fair City Doug and Sean get off to a rocky start until Ray smooths things over, while Sharon turns down Lee's offer 8.30 Grow, Cook, Eat Karen O'Donohoe visits All Together Now, a new festival held in Portlaw, Co. Waterford 9.00 RTE News

9.35 Brendan O'Connor's Cutting Edge The presenter is joined by guests Mike Ross, Malread Ronan and Niamh Horan as they take a look at the main stories making the headlines this week at home and abroad, as well as anything else under the radar

10.35 All Round to Mrs Brown's Agnes and the family open their doors to special guests sports presenter Clare Balding and comedian Johnny Vegas and his mammy. Plus, Made in Chelsea stars Jamie Laing and Spencer Matthews stop by (R) 11.45 In the Club After walking away from her high-flying career, Roanna is struggling to find a new job, ■ she reluctantly turns to ex-husband Ray for help

12.55am Creedon's Road Less Travelled John Creedon journeys from Dublin to Galway (R) 1.55 Ireland's Fittest Family (R) 2.50 Operation Transformation (R) 3.45 Say Yes to the Dress (R) 4.10 Daniel and Majella's B&B Road Trip (R) 4.40 Getaways 5.05 At Your Service (R) 5.35-6.00am EuroNews Global updates

7.00 The Big Bang Theory A sick Sheldon annoys the gang, so they determine to have a weekend without him (R) 7.25 Saving Lives At Sea The team is called out to help a climber who has fallen ■ a remote cave on the Gower Peninsula, while the life of a teenager who ignored red warning flags to continue surfing is in serious danger (R)

8.35 Grand Designs: House of the Year Kevin McCloud hosts as the Royal Institute of British Architects seeks the best new home in Britain. This edition features a farmhouse in Somerset and a villa with a spectacular jagged roof (R) 9.35 Killing Eve Carolyn introduces Eve to her new team before Eve briefs them ■ in the Villanelle case. Villanelle, needing to be low while she recovers, finds a Good Samaritan to take her in and care for her. Eve finds out a secret that Carolyn has been hiding from her

10.30 Stacey Dooley Investigates The host meets victims of 'kneecappings', as well as communities who are standing up to the attackers, and tries to speak to some of those behind the attacks

11.25 Home from Home Neil organises a family walk to Helvellyn via Striding Edge (R)

12.05am The Handmaid's Tale Offred adjusts to a new way of life, the arrival of an unexpected person disrupts the Colonies, and a family is torn apart by the rise of Gilead (R) 1.15 Trauma Dan takes matters into his own hands to try to uncover the truth (R) 2.15 Teleshopping 5.25-6.10am The Six O'Clock Show Witty chat show (R)

7.00 Emmerdale Moira oversteps the mark, while Priya feels pushed out by Alesha, and Harriet makes a discovery

7.30 Coronation Street Gary meets a familiar face on his first day collecting debts, and Michelle lashes out at Robert 8.00 News at 8 A look at the day's main news headlines from a regional, national and international perspective

8.30 Coronation Street Nick diverts the police's attention, while Chesney catches Gemma fleecing Joseph 9.00 Doctor in the House Peter and Catherine live in Cloyne, Co. Cork with their children Sarah, Roisin and Peadar. The couple learn about the effect that alcohol and poor diet has had on their health, before they revamp their lifestyle

10.00 UEFA Champions League Highlights Action from the night's two quarter-final matches, which were the all-Premier League tie between Manchester City and Tottenham, plus Liverpool's trip to Portugal to face Porto

11.00 The Tonight Show Presenters Matt Cooper and Ivan Yates are joined by a panel of guests from politics, comedy, sport and more, to offer their unique take on the big national and international stories making the headlines

7.00 The Chase Presenter Bradley Walsh introduces the general knowledge quiz show, as four contestants join forces in an attempt ■ outsmart a ruthless trivia genius who is determined to prevent them from winning big money (R)

8.00 Renovation Nation Laura Woods presents the show that gives a helping hand to charitable organisations and local groups across the country by refitting, revamping and reviving their much-loved spaces in a day (R) 9.00 Locked Up Strangeways Prison The final edition of the three-part documentary offering an intimate look at life inside one of Britain's most notorious maximum security prisons, following both inmates and staff (R)

10.00 News on Two A look at the day's main news headlines from a regional, national and international perspective

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12.00-1-2.00am Ibiza Weekenders Double bill: resort head Imogen causes problems with her new team of reps when she bonds with one, and Ben over-indulges in his quest. Ben's non-stop party attitude raises tensions, the male reps are excited by the arrival of a pair of Playboy bunny guests (R)

7.00 The One Show Matt Baker and Alex Jones introduce a selection of some of the UK's biggest topical stories. The hosts are also joined by celebrity guests from the eclectic worlds of music, television and entertainment

8.00 Supermarket Secrets Gregg Wallace sees how Ocado are using robots to revolutionise online delivery. Meanwhile, Nikki tests out the Co-op's new pay in the aisle technology as we move towards a checkout future

9.00 NEW Earth from Space Four-part documentary using mainly satellite images to illustrate the interconnectivity of our planet. Here, elephants struggle through drought, and previously unknown penguin colonies are revealed

10.00 BBC News 10.25 BBC Newsline 10.35 Glow Up: Britain's Next Make-Up Star The four semi-finalists head to Carnaby Street for an event to celebrate the history of music, fashion and make-up on the street, with each allocated a different decade from its colourful musical past

11.35 A Question of Sport Sue Barker hosts special episode featuring some of the best bits from the series. Captains Matt Dawson and Phil Tufnell are joined by guests, including Sam Quek, Kelly Sootherton, Nick Pope, Chris Robshaw and Stuart Pearce (R)

7.00 Antiques Road Trip Another edition of the documentary series in which antiques experts search for treasures and compete to make the most money ■ auction - but how much cash will they accumulate? (R)

8.00 Great British Menu The heats for the Scottish chefs begin as Gordon Jones, Lorna McVee and Ben Reade compete to impress the judges with their starter and fish course for this year's music-themed menu

9.00 MotherFatherSon Max ■ under the spotlight as a nation stands on the brink, and Kathryn must decide whether to make a huge sacrifice in order to expose the truth and bring down Max's empire for good

10.00 Island of Dreams Comedy special set on Necker Island, starring Harry Enfield as Sir Richard Branson (R) 10.30 Newsnight In-depth investigation and analysis of national and international stories, with Emma Barnett

11.15 The Murder that Changed a Nation Documentary examining the infamous murder of Stephen Lawrence. Here, the focus is on the run-up to Stephen's murder and the police investigation that follows (R)

12.15am DIY SOS: The Big Build In Hessle near Hull, the team and hundreds of volunteers step up to help roofer Darren and his sons (R) 1.15 Race Across the World. The five teams leave Delphi for the next checkpoint - Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan (R) 2.15-6.30am This Is BBC Two

DAVE

6.00am Teleshopping 7.10 Dara O Briain's Gaill Bit 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Red Bull Soapbox 2016 10.00 American Pickers 10.55 World's Most Dangerous Roads 11.55 Red Bull Soapbox Race 2018 12.55pm Top Gear: India Special 2.50 Top Gear: Winter Olympics Special 3.50 Top Gear Middle East Special 5.30 Red Bull Soapbox 2016 7.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads Hugh Bonneyville and Jessica Hynes drive through the mountains of Georgia 8.00 Last Stop Garage Double bill: the team attempts to repair a hovercraft; the CRB crew helps a man get into the paving business by building a recycling truck 9.00 QI XL Stephen Fry docks Jenny Eclair, Johnny Vegas, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies points in this Christmas special 10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Featuring guest host Katherine Ryan 11.00 Porters Simon turns to sperm donation 11.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 12.40am QI XL 1.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 2.40 Go 8 Bit DLC 3.05 The Last Man on Earth 4.00-6.00am Teleshopping

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6.15am Extreme Makeover: Home Edition 8.00 Tipping Point 10.00 The Bill 11.00 Inside the Ambulance 12.00noon Tipping Point 2.00 My Dream Home: Double bill 4.00 Renovate My Home: Leave It to Bryan. Two editions 5.00 Tipping Point: Coin-drop quiz show 6.00 John Torode's Australia: In Tasmania 7.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea Craig and Jo look to move from London to north Cornwall on their £750,000 budget 8.00 Inside the Ambulance Paramedics help a student with a dislocated knee and a child who has drunk a toxic liquid 9.00 Alex Jones - Fertility 11.00 Me The host delves into issues affecting so many people, having decided to the age of 38 to try for a baby with her new husband 10.00 The World According to Kids Children in Gloucester, Liverpool and the Isle of Mull discuss fear and danger 11.00 The Shift: Women on the Force Senior crime scene investigator Jade is called out to a death in Keighley 12.00am 999 Rescue Squad 1.00 Rent a Cop 1.30 Judge Faith 1.50 John Bishop: In Conversation with... 3.00-6.15am Shopping

REALLY

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Cruise TV 8.00 Homes Under the Hammer 10.00 Tipping Point 12.00noon Escape to the Country 2.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 3.00 Sarah Beeny's Renovate Don't Relocate 4.00 Most Haunted 5.00 Ghost Adventures 6.00 Antiques Road Trip 7.00 Escape to the Country An ex-pat couple seek a new home in Somerset 8.00 Sarah Beeny's Renovate Don't Relocate With Hannah and Rob, who have returned to the UK from the US to start a family 9.00 One Born Every Minute Being unable to control her labour heightens first-time mother Natasha's anxiety 10.00 Nightwatch: Emergency After Dark Robb and Bethany rush to the scene of a man shot by police, while Tony and Dave treat a stab victim. Last in series 11.00 Inside the Ambulance A man has life-threatening injuries after being viciously stabbed during a gang attack 12.00am Partners in Crime 1.00 Crime Stories 2.00 Shopping 4.00 Nightwatch: Emergency After Dark 4.45 My Extreme Weight Loss Journey 5.30-6.00am Give a Dog a Home

ALIBI

6.00am Shopping 7.20 Murdoch Mysteries 9.05 Rizzoli & Isles 10.00 Sue Thomas: FBEye 11.00 Unforgettable 12.00noon Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 1.00 Motive 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Rizzoli & Isles 5.00 Rush 6.00 Motive 7.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 8.00 Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Ms Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries 10.00 The Coroner: A man is found dead in a shipwrecked container on the beach 11.00 New Tricks 12.20am Crossing Lines 2.30 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00-6.00am Shopping

DRAMA

6.00am Teleshopping 7.10 Bergerac 8.00 Juliet Bravo 9.00 Pie in the Sky 10.00 Classic Holby City 11.00 The Bill 12.00pm Classic EastEnders 2.20 Bergerac 3.20 Lovejoy 4.20 Pie in the Sky 5.20 Birds of a Feather 6.00 Brush Strokes 6.40 Bread: Billy is in trouble 7.20 Last of the Summer Wine Clegg and Foggy come up with some interesting creations when they try to build a bike 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme Double bill: a barrister employing the pair to spruce up his overgrown garden discovers his cousin has been drowned; the sleuthing duo continue their enquiries after their client Martin Frazer's cousin, who supposedly drowned, is spotted alive 10.00 New Tricks The team investigates a supposed government cover-up which conspiracy theorists think is connected to a crash-landed UFO 11.15 Taggart Two skulls are found on the site of a bypass road near Glasgow, and Taggart believes one could be that of a 19-year-old who disappeared 2.20am The 3.10 Birds of a Feather: Classic sitcom 4.00-6.00am Teleshopping

GOLD

6.00am Teleshopping 7.40 The Piglet Files 8.40 Goodnight Sweetheart 10.00 Last of the Summer Wine 12.00noon 2Point4 Children 1.20 Hi-de-Hi! 2.00 dinnerladies 2.40 2Point4 Children 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine 6.00 Hi-de-Hi! 6.40 dinnerladies: Sitcom 7.20 Dad's Army Double bill: Mainwaring and Wilson end up holding a bomb in the bank: Captain Mainwaring is horrified to discover that he is not actually a commissioned officer 8.40 Blackadder 11.00 Double bill: an ostrich feather and a puritanical aunt cause chaos: the evil Prince Ludwig kidnaps Blackadder and Lord Melchett 10.00 Live at the Apollo Jack Whitehall performs, before introducing routines by Canadian comic Katherine Ryan and deadpan American jokester Rich Hall 11.00 Black Books Double bill: the shop has a new security system that no one can work: Manny runs away and takes up with a photographer 12.10am Inside No 9 1.30 The Rebel 2.10 Live at the Apollo: Stand-up comedy 3.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp 4.00-6.00am Teleshopping

YESTERDAY

6.00am Raiders of the Lost Past 8.00 Time Team 9.00 The World at War 10.00 Murder Maps 11.00 Forbidden History 12.00noon Time Team 2.00 The Life of Mammals 3.00 Attenborough's Natural Curiosities 4.00 Murder Maps 5.00 Wartime Crime 6.00 The World at War: Historical documentary 7.00 Impossible Engineering An in-depth look at the construction of Perdido, the world's deepest oil platform 8.00 Hitler's Most Wanted James Ellis explores how Hermann Goering could emerge as a psychopathic war criminal in the Second World War 9.00 Porridge Double bill: veteran lag Fletcher makes friends with newcomer Lennie Godber: Fletcher dreams up a novel way to relieve the boredom 10.20 Steptoe and Son Albert tries to contact his wife on the 'other side' 11.00 Open All Hours Double bill: Granville advertises for some female company and is gobsmacked: Arkwright offloads some stock to a rival shopkeeper 12.20am Open All Hours 1.00 Raiders of the Lost Past 3.00-6.00am Teleshopping

ITV2

8.55am You've Been Framed! Gold 9.25 The Ellen DeGeneres Show 10.15 Britain's Got Talent: Top 10 Comedy Corkers 11.15 The Guide to You've Been Framed! Gold 12.15pm Emmerdale 1.15 You've Been Framed! Gold 1.45 The Ellen DeGeneres Show 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show 6.00 Take Me Out 7.30 You've Been Framed! Gold 9.00 FILM American Pie (1999/15) ★★★★ 11.05 Family Guy 12.00am American Dad! 12.55 The Cleveland Show 1.50 Totally Bonkers 2.20-5.50am Shop

CHANNEL 4

6.25am Cheers 7.45 Frasier 9.10 Everybody Loves Raymond 10.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 11.05 Car SOS 12.00noon Channel 4 News 12.05 Come Dine with Me 1.05 Escape to the Chateau: DIY 2.10 Countdown 3.00 A Place in the Sun 4.00 A New Life in the Sun 5.00 Four in a Bed 5.30 Extreme Cake Makers 6.00 The Simpsons: Animated comedy 6.30 Hollyoaks 7.00 Channel 4 News 8.00 NEW Location, Location, Location 9.00 NEW Chimerica Four-part thriller 10.00 Gogglebox TV reviews 11.05 First Dates Reality series 12.10am The Great British School Swap 1.05 FILM Love, Rosalie (2014/15) Comedy, starring Lily Collins and Sam Claflin ★★★★ 2.50 Coast vs Country 3.45 French Collection 4.35 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures 4.45 The £100k Drop 5.50-6.25am Countdown

TG4

7.00am Cula 4 Kids' TV 9.30 Ainnmhi 9.99 10.00 Little House on the Prairie 10.55 Gilmore Girls 11.45 Cheese Slices 12.35pm Logainm 12.45 Garraí Glas 1.15 The West Wing 2.05 Weakest Link 3.00 Cula 4 na nÓg 5.00 Whiz sa Chistín 5.30 Irish Paint Magic 6.00 Weakest Link 7.00 Nuacht TG4 7.30 Realtá agus Gaolta 8.30 Ar Shíl na Firfinne 9.00 Glor Tíre Togha & Rogha Featuring Johnny Brady and Patrick Feeney 9.30 Sceal na Beatha Profiling Seosamh Ó Conchúir, who only realised how important he was to others when faced with his own mortality 10.30 The Sinner Cora recalls the past 11.20 Bothar Buck A trip to Turkey 11.50 FILM Unleashing Mr Darcy (2016/PG) Drama, with Cindy Busby ★★★★ 12.55am Dail Eireann 1.50-7.00am France 24

VIRGIN THREE

6.00am Teletubbies 6.30 Bob the Builder 7.00 In the Night Garden 7.30 The Adventures of Paddington Bear 8.00 The Spartacus Mystery 8.30 Total Drama Action 9.00 Elaine 10.00 Dress to Impress 11.00 Dress to Impress 12.00noon The Jeremy Kyle Show USA 1.00 Nanny 9.11 2.00 Judge Rinder 3.00 Judge Rinder 4.00 The Royal 5.00 Long Lost Family Australia 6.00 Heartbeat 7.00 Jeremy Kyle's Emergency Room 8.00 Hell's Kitchen Australia The apprentice chefs face challenges under the immense pressure of delivering a complete dinner service 9.15 Bull A nine-year-old child wants Jason to help divorce her parents 10.15 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An infant suddenly goes missing 11.15 Victoria Historical drama series 12.15am Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents 1.30 Big Heads 2.30-3.20am Elaine

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Dated this the 17th day of April 2019

By Order of the Board

(a) Cedric Chau
Director
(b) Ken McElhinney
Director
(c) Fionnuala Wallace
Director
(d) Richard Crowe
Director

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By Order of the Board

1. Hyland (Secretary)

RESULTS & PRICES

EXETER

2.06: ASK DILLON (Paddy Brennan 2-11) 1; Boldmores 11-1; Blackjack Kentucky (3-1) 2; Blackjack Kentucky (3-1) 3; ran. 2-1st-f Dolphine Square, 21, 121, 1F O'Brien. Total: £2,880; £1,10; £2,40, £1,20, Total Exacta: £18,80. Trifecta: £47,20. CSF: £19,32.

2.40: HERE'S HERBIE (James Bea 8-1) 1; Nelson's Touch (18-1) 2; Hastings (2-1) 3; ran. 8, 9, 10 (Mrs. B. Gardner). Total: £7,30; £2,50, £3,30; £2,50 Total Exacta: £116,10. Trifecta: £353,88. Trifecta: £472,00. CSF: £15,37.

3.15: MELEKHOV (R Johnson 5-6) 1; Quick Wave (6-1) 2; Roccoco River (7-2) 3; ran. 11, 14, 9 (Mr. B. Gardner). Total: £1,60; £1,10, £1,40, £2,00. Total Exacta: £5,60. Trifecta: £14,80. CSF: £5,58. NFR: Corruption.

3.50: ONE OF US (Sam Twiston-Davies 9-2) 1; Sandhurst Lad (7-1) 2; You Say What (4-1) 3; ran. 21, 24, 16 (Mr. Williams). Total: £6,60; £1,80, £2,50, £2,10. Total Exacta: £45,20. Trifecta: £137,35. Trifecta: £205,10. CSF: £36,60.

4.25: TUDOR'S TREASURE (Tom O'Brien 11-1) 1; Kingston Mimosa (8-1) 2; Rule The Ocean (11-1) 3; ran. 10, 11, 11 (Robert Stephens). Total: £3,70; £1,70, £2,30, £1,80. Total Exacta: £21,40. Trifecta: £113,60. Trifecta: £102,90. CSF: £24,57.

5.00: THEATRE TERRITORY (Mr Sam Whitt-Cohen 1-6) 1; Drumlin (13-2) 2; Kit Baby (20-1) 3; ran. 21, 24, 16 (Mr. Williams). Total: £6,60; £1,80, £2,50, £2,10. Total Exacta: £45,20. Trifecta: £137,35. Trifecta: £205,10. CSF: £36,60.

5.35: MERCHANT HOUSE (Miss Mille Womack 20-1) 1; Full Of Rogue (12-1) 2; Grumpy Charley (100-1) 3; ran. 5, 21 (Whinnettbrookehouse). 31, 34, 12. Del-

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Brando's set to star

NEWSBOY'S ITV4 PICKS

BRANDO should rack up a hat-trick of victories in the Group 3 Abernant Stakes (3.00) at Newmarket today.

Not only has Kevin Ryan's stable stalwart reappeared to land this race in 2017 and 2018, he also scored in handicap company at the Craven fixture three years ago.

The seven-year-old went on to show his class with second placings in Newmarket's July Cup and the Sprint Cup at Haydock last summer, and should prove too strong for his seven rivals.

After a two-length debut success over the final seven furlongs of the Rowley Mile last September, the William Haggas-trained **SKARDU** is taken to book his passage to the 2000 Guineas by lifting the Group 3 bet365 Craven Stakes (3.35).

Haggas' **AL HADEER** gets the vote to make a winning start to his career in the bet365 Wood Ditton Maiden Stakes (2.25).

The opening bet365 Handicap (2.50) is a good opportunity for **CHAPELLI**, partnered by Skardu's jockey James Doyle, to go one better after a near-miss at Pontefract eight days ago.

Too Darn is not so hot

BY DAVID YATES

JOHN GOSDEN will make a ruling on favourite Too Darn Hol's 2000 Guineas participation "after the weekend".

The unbeaten colt, who missed last Saturday's Greenham Stakes at Newbury after suffering heat in a splint bone, is now out to 9-4 for the May 4 Classic.

"It's only six days ago, and it's day by day," said Gosden. "I will know after the weekend."

TOP DOG'S BEST

11-14: 12.00 Star Of Robert, 2.00 Shapely Breeze, 2.00 Malaga Angel, 6.44 Need My Specs (NAP).

12-15: 11.00 Wall Lassie Look, 11.04 Profound, 12.24 Trapstyle Puma, 12.34 Wayward Ronny.

TODAY'S BAGS DOGS

11-12: 11.00 Tilly Up Panther (1-6), 11.10 Gospo Diver (NAP) 14-5-6, 11.31 Lipole Baby (C-6-5), 11.46 Emma's Doll (2-1), 12.04 Bull Run Bee (5-5-2), 12.18 Harwood (2-4-5), 12.32 Marsh Mad Jockey (NAP) 6-1-4, 12.28 Blue Lad (1-4-3), 12.42 Easy Care (3-2-1), 12.57 Target Stick (5-1-2), 1.12 Connery Jet (4-1-1), 1.51 Mr. Windy (2-6-3).

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3.00 ABERNANT STAKES (GROUP 3) 11-6

Winner £34,026 (11 run)

1 (6) 42824- BRANDO (179) (CD2) (SF)

K Ryan 7-9 Tom Hayes 102 G
D-2 (9-2) Dotted, headway chasing leaders 21 out, ridden and held on same pace
last furlong, 4th of 14, 2nd off Sam's Of Mall (9-0) at Ascot 6th Grp 1 (1) 1st

2 (1) 7/1267- DREAMFIELD (235) (BF, D, CD) (F)

James Doyle 114 G
D-10 (9-9) Led colt's group until hidden over 11 out, weakened final furlong, last
of 12, 2nd behind Lintots (9-1) at Newmarket 6th Listed stks (1) 1st in Aug

3 (3) 8144-3 EQUILATERAL (18) (BF, D) (EW)

C Morris 4-9-7 Ryan Moore 114 GF
D-1-6 (9-8) Held up, pulled hard stayed on same pace final furlong, 3rd of 8, 2nd
behind Invincible Army (9-8) at Doncaster 6th Listed stks (1) 1st

4 (4) 0155-6 GIFTED MASTER (39) (CD2)

H Palmer 6-9-7 James Watson 119 G
D-2 (9-9) Always mid-division, 6th of 11, 1st behind Star Point (9-0) at
Maiden (M) 6th Grp 3 rd in Mar

5 (7) 7/98-10 KEYSTROKE (39) (D)

S C Williams 7-9-7 Adam Kirby 112 ST
D-1-9 (9-2) Raced wide keen in touch, ridden 21 out, weakened approaching final furlong,
last of 8, 1st behind Above The Rest (9-3) at Wolverhampton 7th Listed stks (1) 1st

6 (8) 113-55 SIR THOMAS GRESHAM (51) (BF, CD)

Tim Palfrey 4-9-7 Martin Dwyer 107 ST
D-1-9 (9-2) Led until 11 out, no extra final furlong, 5th of 9, 3rd behind Marhead
9-0 at Wolverhampton 6th (2) in Feb

7 (2) 11607- TIME'S ARROW (213) (D2)

B O'Meara 5-9-7 Daniel Tedesco 111 G
D-4-1 (9-2) Dotted, held along 21 out, never dangerous, 7th of 11, 4th behind
Kenseth (9-2) at Lingfield 7th Grp 3 rd in Sep

8 (5) 12217- YAFTA (242) (CD)

R Hanmer 4-9-7 Jon Crowley 114 G
D-6-9 (9-2) Led early, tracked leader, driven over 21 out, ridden and lost place over 11
out, 7th of 8, 2nd behind Sir Dancesal (9-9) at Newbury 7th Grp 2 (1) 1st

BETTING: 6-4 Brando, 3 Dreamfield, 11-2 Yafta, 7 Gifted Master, Equilateral, 20 Time's Arrow,
25 Keystroke, 33 Sir Thomas Gresham.

3.35 BET365 CRAVEN STAKES (GROUP 1) (3-Y-0) 1m Winner £34,026 (10 run)

1 (7) 133- CONFIDING (228) (EW)

M Meade 9-0 Ruth Horsley 106 G5

D-1-9 (9-2) In touch, ridden and weakened over 11 out, rated final furlong, last of 6,
3rd behind Flossie (9-2) at Lingfield 7th Grp 3 rd in Sep

2 (6) 1-1 GLOBAL SPECTRUM (74)

Miss O'Kellaway 9-0 Geraldine Moore 104 G

D-4-6 (9-2) Made it, quickened over 11 out, stayed on, 6th of 10, 2nd behind
Sally (9-2) in Feb

3 (3) 1-1 JACKSTAR (22) (C)

T Descombe 9-0 Michael Kingscote 101 G5

D-2-9 (9-2) Tracked leaders, led over 11 out, edged left and clear inside final
furlong, won at Newmarket 7th nov stks (3) 5th Delta River (9-7) by 21, 12 ran

4 (5) 312- MOMKIN (236) (BF)

R Charred 9-0 M Guyon 102 G

D-7-9 (9-2) Raced heavily, ridden to challenge over 11 out, headed and he never lost
pace, 2nd of 7, 2nd off Pipeline (9-2) at Pontefract 7th Grp 3 rd in Oct

5 (9) 135- PRINCE EIJI (175)

R Varian 9-0 DOUBLURE 101 G5

D-4-1 (9-2) Plotted along 21 out, no extra inside final furlong, 5th of 7, 6th behind
Out Of Hazard (9-2) at Doncaster 6th (2) 1m 2nd stks go in Oct

6 (4) 611-4 ROYAL MARINE (97) (BF, D) (F)

S Ian Surtees 9-0 C Sennett 101 G3

D-9-10 (9-2) Never dangerous, 4th of 12, mid-division, 10th behind Walling Thunder
9-0 at Newmarket 7th nov stks (3) 5th Delta River (9-7) by 21, 12 ran

7 (2) 1-1 SET PIECE (99) (D2)

H Palmer 9-0 Franklin Bettar 107 G5

D-7-9 (9-2) Raced heavily, ridden to challenge over 11 out, headed and he never lost
pace, 2nd of 7, 2nd off Pipeline (9-2) at Pontefract 7th Grp 3 rd in Oct

8 (1) 1- SKARDU (201) (C)

W Haggas 9-0 James Doyle 102 G

D-2-17 (9-2) Head up towards rear, mouthed over 21 out, quickened over 11 out, stayed in touch at
Newmarket 7th nov stks (3) 5th in Sep in Jan

9 (8) 1251- WATAN (170)

R Hanmer 9-0 Ryan Moore 112 G

D-8-9 (9-2) Tracked leaders, kept on to go a never dangerous finish, 4th of 10, 5th behind
Out Of Hazard (9-2) at Doncaster 6th (2) 1m 2nd stks go in Oct

10 (10) 1- ZAKOUSKI (147) (SF)

C Appleby 9-0 William Smith 101 ST

BEVERLEY

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NEWSBOY
2.15 LEAVE EM ALONE
2.50 TROUBADOUR
3.25 BOUTONNIERE
4.00 ATTAINMENT
4.35 TERENTUM STAR
5.10 ARCHIVE
5.40 KINGDOM BRUNEL
6.10 SHAZZAB

BOUVIERE
2.15 BIRKENHEAD
2.50 LILI WEN FACH
3.25 GABRIAL THE ONE
4.00 ATTAINMENT
4.35 WENTWORTH FALLS
5.10 AIRPLANE
5.40 KINGDOM BRUNEL
6.10 SHAZZAB (NB)

GOING: Good to Firm-Good in Places
COURSE: Right-handed and course of 1m 3f, with a 2f 11f turn in which race all the way to the finish. 5f very testing.

DRIVE: Low beat over 5f

TOP TRAINERS: P. Folley 54, 266 (14%); N. Johnston 51, 273 (18.7%); D. O'Meara 40, 262 (15.3%); T. Fosteby, 35, 342 (11.1%); K. Ryan 20, 178 (11.2%); F. Lee 24, 205 (11.7%); M. Dods 14, 75 (10.5%); F. Lee 11, 111 (3.3%); S. Smart 14, 102 (13.7%); N. McEvily 12, 113 (10.6%).

TRAINER TARGETS: (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): P. Folley won the 4.00 (11/4) and 5.10 (2/1) on both 4.00 and 5.10 (11/4) on 1st time.

1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 5.40 Kingdom Brunel
15TH TIME HOOKE: None
PROFITABLE RACES FOR PART: 1.25

2.15 ACEODDS.COM EBF NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (DIV 1) (5) (2-Y-0) 5f Winner £4,033 (10 runs)

THE GINGER BULLET (1) Folley 9-5 (10) — Paul Hanigan
COCK 'N' KEEF 9-4 — Kevin Scott
BIRDIE BOWERS 9 Dods 9-3 — Paul Hanigan
CHOCOHOLICE 9 Smart 9-3 — Graham Lee

TONQUIN VALLEY 9 Dods 9-3 — K. Scholfield (7)
0 HELL OF A JOKER 10 W.G. Turner 9-2 — K. White (5)
02 BIRKENHEAD 10 N. Johnston 9-1 (SF) — Callum Shepherd (8)
HOVINGHAM 9 Dods 9-3 — Kevin Scott (2)

4 LEAVE EM ALONE 9-2 Folley 6-1 — K. Folley 29
10 02 SASSY LASSY 9 Dods 9-1 — T. Folley 29
11 10 2 BETTYS HOPE 10 W.G. Turner 8-10 (SF) — Joe Fanning 64, ST

BETTING: 2 Birkenhead, 7-2 Bettys Hope, 13-2 Leave Em Alone, 8 The Ginger Bullet, 10 Birdie Bowers, 12 Cock Robin, 14 Hell of a Joke, 16 Chocoholic, Tonquin Valley.

2005 Meeting abbreviations: 1m = 1m 1f, 2m = 2m 1f, 3m = 3m 1f, 4m = 4m 1f, 5m = 5m 1f, 6m = 6m 1f, 7m = 7m 1f, 8m = 8m 1f, 9m = 9m 1f, 10m = 10m 1f, 11m = 11m 1f, 12m = 12m 1f, 13m = 13m 1f, 14m = 14m 1f, 15m = 15m 1f, 16m = 16m 1f, 17m = 17m 1f, 18m = 18m 1f, 19m = 19m 1f, 20m = 20m 1f, 21m = 21m 1f, 22m = 22m 1f, 23m = 23m 1f, 24m = 24m 1f, 25m = 25m 1f, 26m = 26m 1f, 27m = 27m 1f, 28m = 28m 1f, 29m = 29m 1f, 30m = 30m 1f, 31m = 31m 1f, 32m = 32m 1f, 33m = 33m 1f, 34m = 34m 1f, 35m = 35m 1f, 36m = 36m 1f, 37m = 37m 1f, 38m = 38m 1f, 39m = 39m 1f, 40m = 40m 1f, 41m = 41m 1f, 42m = 42m 1f, 43m = 43m 1f, 44m = 44m 1f, 45m = 45m 1f, 46m = 46m 1f, 47m = 47m 1f, 48m = 48m 1f, 49m = 49m 1f, 50m = 50m 1f, 51m = 51m 1f, 52m = 52m 1f, 53m = 53m 1f, 54m = 54m 1f, 55m = 55m 1f, 56m = 56m 1f, 57m = 57m 1f, 58m = 58m 1f, 59m = 59m 1f, 60m = 60m 1f, 61m = 61m 1f, 62m = 62m 1f, 63m = 63m 1f, 64m = 64m 1f, 65m = 65m 1f, 66m = 66m 1f, 67m = 67m 1f, 68m = 68m 1f, 69m = 69m 1f, 70m = 70m 1f, 71m = 71m 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RACING TODAY'S IRISH RUNNERS & RIDERS

ALD'S KING SET TO REIGN

BY RYAN MCCELLIGOTT

TONIGHT'S Dundalk action is of the low key variety but there are a few useful types on show and the evening's curtain raiser promises to be an interesting affair.

All eyes here are likely to be on King Neptune after Monarch Of Egypt got Aldan O'Brien's, above,

two-year-old team off to the perfect start on Saturday.

However, this was

Front colt could

have his work cut out to defeat the once raced Yesterdayoncemore.

This daughter of No Nay Never looked a likely future winner when he finished second to Moments Linger at this track a couple of



weeks ago.

The in form Donnacha O'Brien, inset, who rode four winners at the weekend, should strike again with Dunkirk Harbour in the extended 10 furlongs maiden.

This son of Declaration Of War didn't show a great deal in two runs last season but he looked an improved sort on his comeback at Navan last month.

On that occasion, Dunkirk Harbour finished a very respectable third behind the useful looking pair of Sherkatt and California Daddy.

He should improve from that run and that will give him the edge over the recent course and distance runner-up Pearlman.

DUC EYES GOLD



THE runaway Arkle Chase hero Duc Des Genievres is among a number of Cheltenham Festival winners to feature among Sunday's entries for Fairyhouse.

The Willie Mullins-trained gelding, above, is one of 17 entries for the Grade 1 Ryanair Gold Cup Novice Chase, one of two top level events to take place on the opening day of the Easter Festival.

The field for the Ryanair also includes another Cheltenham winner in A Plus Tard who ran riot in the Close Brothers Handicap Chase at Prestbury Park last month.

Mullins fields several other fascinating contenders for the race including Getabird, who hasn't run since Christmas, and the hugely exciting Chacun Pour Soi.

Earlier on the same card, 21 stand their ground in the Grade 1 Irish Stallion Farms EBF Mares Novice Hurdle.

These include the Cheltenham heroine Eglantine Du Seuil and the unbeaten Honeysuckle who was forced to skip a trip across the Irish Sea last month.

DUNDALK

PETER O'HEIR

5.45 YESTERDAYONCEMORE (NAP) 6.55 SUNDANCE STAR 6.45 KASBAH 7.15 NISIOR DONN 7.45 TENNESSE WALTZ 8.15 DUNKIRK HARBOUR 8.45 ROCKFISH

DOUBLE: YESTERDAYONCEMORE AND NISIOR DONN

O'HEIR'S LONGSHOT: HEE HAW (7.5)

GOING: Standard

COURSE: Left handed polytrack overall of 1m 2f with a straight of around 3f.

TRIUMPH: All races.

JACKPOT (£3,000 Guarantee):

6.45, 7.15, 7.45 & 8.15.

PLACEPOT: 5.45, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 & 8.15.

PICK SIX (£10,000 Guarantee):

6.45, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 & 8.15.

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GARY MURPHY

@Garymurphy62

Ireland's best golf pundit

Tiger's back, golf's back & Portrush will benefit from the return of the Master



AFTER his Masters fairytale, there is no greater sporting superstar strolling the fairways of planet earth than Tiger Woods. No greater golfing redemption either.

In years to come, fans who cheered from the galleries at Augusta will say: I was there, I saw it with my own eyes.

After everything Woods has endured, to end an 11-year wait for his 15th Major at the age of 43 was electrifying.

Unfathomable, almost. This is a man who experienced one of the most public – and at times painful – roller coaster timelines of sporting history. Not just physically, emotionally too.

Four back surgeries and a sex scandal tend to do that to you.

There's no doubt his well-documented infidelities and

failings saw his appeal take a hit with the wider public.

But his legacy and credibility within the golfing fraternity remained undiminished.

His fans, devoted and dewy-eyed on Sunday, never deserted him.

They held firm to the belief that one day their hero would revisit a golden past that delivered 14 majors between 1997 and 2008.

And how Woods 2.0 delivered on that promise with his fifth Green Jacket amidst emotional scenes at Augusta.

Hard to believe he underwent back fusion surgery less than two years ago: a layoff and injury that saw him plummet to 1,199th in the world.

Back in 2017, few gave Woods a chance of adding to his haul of

majors, the last of which came as a 32-year-old at the 2008 US Open.

But there he was on Sunday, serene and statuesque on the 18th green, awaiting the putt that would transport him back to his heyday.

Many will wonder if he has the desire to keep bringing his A-game in his 40s, but you only have to look at his unbridled joy on Sunday to know a deep passion remains.

He's also old-fashioned tough. Money and fame can derail athletes walking into the autumn of their careers, but not Tiger.

His focus is timeless. He has the ability to block everything out on a golf course.

The reaction to his win on social media and in the mainstream media proved yet again he is the most recognisable sports star on the planet.

And Butch Harmon, inset, got it right when he remarked: 'Tiger's back, golf's back.'

His renaissance is great for the sport and the added bonus for Irish fans is that Tiger Mania will descend on Royal Portrush in July.

First up on his Major quest though is next month's PGA at Bethpage and the US Open at Pebble Beach in June, both venues he has shredded and won at in the past.

After his Hollywood comeback at Augusta, the summer hype around Woods will be at fever pitch.

BETTING SLIP

RBC HERITAGE

JORDAN SPIETH - 20/1 FAV

Maybe blinded by the light at Augusta, but still shows great signs.

IAN POUERSON - 100/1

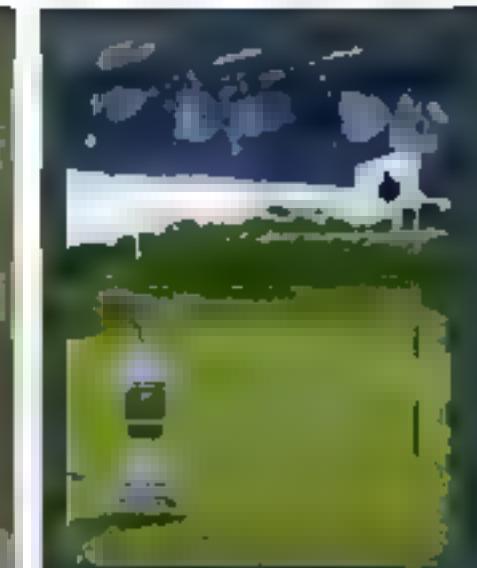
Should carry on — Masters form — T12 — into this week.

SHANE LOWRY - 20/1

A disappointing Masters, but this is a chance to return to form.

AUSTIN COOKE - 100/1

Let me down at the Texas Open, but this week's form will suit him.



2019 OPEN COURSE
Magnificent Royal Portrush

Top kids cooking on gas

I HAD the pleasure of playing Royal Portrush alongside Flogas Irish Junior Open winners Harry O'Hara and Parker Bonnes last week.

Harry, from Clandeboye and Holywood, is the Gary Player champion, while Parker, from Galgorm Castle, is the reigning Winter Series champion.

I was teamed up on the famous links with Harry, who is 10 years old, while Parker, only seven, was partnered by Cormac Sharvin.

Cormac and I played Portrush as normal, but the two boys played in the junior format, from 150 yards and 171 yards respectively.

Harry birdied the last for us to win one-up, but overall it was a real treat for both kids to play a course that plays host to this year's Open.

It was also a treat for Cormac and me to see the boys play — not only were we impressed by their skill levels, but also their demeanour around the course. They were a credit to their families.

Respect also to Michael Gallagher, the brainchild behind the Irish Junior Open and someone who has done an amazing job for young golfers across the island.



Duo get painful lesson

IT was a disappointing week for the Irish at Augusta.

Rory McIlroy, left, didn't deliver on recent form and Shane Lowry's game simply wasn't there after putting in so much effort into qualifying

for the tournament.

Hopefully it's a valuable lesson for Shane — that he needs to stay in the present a bit more.

Golf is about weeks and the only tournament that matters is the one staring

you in the face.

While Lowry, right, missed the cut, Rory was never really in contention and was largely playing on fumes.

At Augusta, it's crucial

to stay in touch, because it's

so dangerous playing catch-up golf there.

A course of that magnitude and quality cannot be bullied. Take too many chances and you'll end

up looking foolish.

Frustration all round for McIlroy, but seeing Tiger win at 43 should give him encouragement he has many more years and chances to complete a career grand slam.

GOLF



A BIT OF FAMILY TIME Shane Lowry with his daughter at Augusta last week

SHANE HAS NOT FACED THE EYE OF THE TIGER..

BY EAMON DOGETT

SHANE LOWRY has admitted to still not having the courage to talk to his idol Tiger Woods.

The Offaly man was en route to South Carolina last Sunday ahead of this week's RBC Heritage tournament when Woods turned back time at the Masters

But, a little sore in having missed the cut at Augusta, Lowry still got sucked into the radio commentary of the final round as Woods dramatically won his first major in 11 years.

Lowry said: "It's phenomenal what Tiger did at the weekend - the whole world was probably rooting for him.

"I certainly was. I was going to stay on until Monday. I'd said if Tiger was winning, I would go up to the clubhouse to try and watch it there.

"But with the storms forecast we drove down from Augusta on Sunday afternoon to Harbour Town and I

listened in the back nine in the car.

"I never thought golf could be so exciting to listen in on the radio, but it was!"

The 32-year-old, like so many of his contemporaries, grew up trying to mimic the 15-time major winner.

But, despite sticking a world golf championship in his trophy cabinet and having gone close in winning the US Open, Lowry is still starstruck around Woods (inset).

He told Paddy Power News: "Tiger Woods was my idol growing up and the main reason I got into golf.

"One of the first tournaments I remember watching was probably Tiger's first Masters win in 1997, I was about 10 years old and watched on the BBC at the time.

"Then, every weekend when I was a teenager and Tiger was playing, I'd sit in front of the TV on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night, watching him.

"I'd watch him at night and then go out and play the next day, imagining I was Tiger having a putt on the last to win the Masters!

"I remember even trying to swing the club like him - trying to do the different finishes that he does and stuff like that.

"It's funny though, I've never even met him properly. I never had the balls to go up, say hello and ask him for a picture or anything.

"Hopefully, I get a knock at him in the near future and we get the right time to do it!

"It will happen when it happens."

GAA MAYO & LIMERICK ACES REVEAL

THE FEAR

Keegan: James is a far more frightening prospect this time

BY PAT NOLAN

LEE KEEGAN says the 2019 version of James Horan is scarier than the one that left the Mayo job in 2014.

Horan has made the best possible start to his second coming as Mayo boss by winning the League, with a national title proving elusive during his first stint.

Last year the county endured their worst showing since 2010, but Mayo fans are now optimistic that they can launch another All-Ireland tilt.

They can see that Horan is playing from a stronger hand, having introduced a number of young players over the course of the spring.

Yet Keegan says the Ballintubber is also a much more rounded manager than when he last was in charge, something that was also apparent in the 2016 Footballer of the Year when Horan managed his club, Westport, last year.

"He's definitely more scary!" Keegan smiled. "He's probably more of a coach now than he was then [in 2014]. He's more involved with the training side of things. He has more of an input with the session.

"I had him for club last year so that was scary as well. But the big thing with James is, he's bringing the style with him where he doesn't care what you've done before as a player and that's keeping a lot of us on our toes and keeping us fresh.

"If you have one bad game, you could be on the bench the next day. That's the biggest difference between now and 2014. If you're not playing well, you're

not getting picked. That's definitely added to a spike in training."

Horan acted as a pundit for the four years he was out of inter-county management and Keegan believes he has a sharper tactical edge to him now.

"James has brought a new knowledge and background to the game that we probably didn't see back in 2012, '13, '14. We were probably very much a gung-ho team.

"Now we're very much tactically aware of what we need to do, how to approach different teams and styles. That's been a new challenge, to implement a new game plan. It's been very interesting."

Lifting a cup in the Hogan Stand after so many near misses may have helped Mayo break a significant mental barrier, though Keegan isn't making any declarations on future success just yet.

"Only time will tell."

"To win any national title in Croke Park is a significant moment.

"People are saying, How is that going to colour our approach? And boring as the answer is, we can only look in New York the next couple of weeks."

"As much as we want to dwell and say, 'We won a national title', if you're not in the frame of mind to be looking forward to New York and playing well, you're not going to get picked."

NO DRINKING BAN

BY PAT NOLAN

THERE'S no alcohol ban in Mayo and James Horan (inset) knows well enough not to introduce one, reckons Lee Keegan.

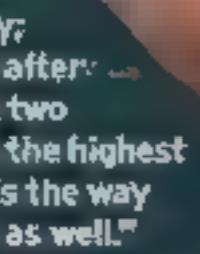
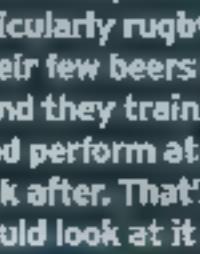
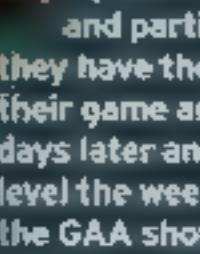
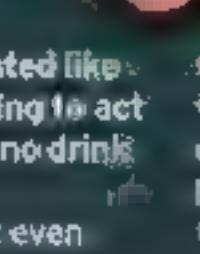
"He treats us like adults," the Mayo defender said. "This whole myth around you're nearly a 30-year-old lad, you can't go drinking, you have to debunk that because if you can't be treated like an adult then you're not going to act like one in training. There's no drink ban."

Yet Keegan revealed that even

being seen in a pub is enough to attract disapproving glances.

"You sit in the pub even having a pint and the heads are staring over at you, 'Why is he in here?'

"I always look at professional sports and particularly rugby, they have their few beers after their game and they train two days later and perform at the highest level the week after. That's the way the GAA should look at it as well."



DRIVING FORCES FOR SUMMER AHEAD

FACTOR

HELPING HAND
Mayo footballer Lee Keegan and Limerick hurler Aaron Gillane were in Croke Park yesterday to launch the 2019 John West National Féile

Gillane: I'd drive myself mad trying to perfect things but I'm just so scared of failure

BY PAT NOLAN

AARON GILLANE admits his League final performance drove him to practise his shooting - despite hitting 1-9.

The Limerick star struck 1-5 of that haul from play in the comfortable 1-24 to 0-19 win over Waterford, that secured the county's first title since 1997, yet he might have doubled his tally.

As well as hitting a number of wides, he also had a goal effort saved by Stephen O'Keeffe but was still named man of the match by TG4.

He said: "I watched it back. I'd say it could have been the Wednesday after. I was actually cringing watching it."

"I had eight or nine wides and I was like, 'Jeez, how did he get man of the match in this?'

"But it was good from the point of view that after every match you always have stuff to work on."

"So I watched it and threw on a pair of shorts and then went straight up to the field and hit a few shots."

"I'd drive myself mad trying to perfect things but it's good to have things to work on."

As for what he'd put the wayward shooting down to, Gillane said: "I don't know. I suppose for a lot of them I was hitting them off the back foot. That's not something I'd usually do. I'd usually try to take on my man as much as I can."

"Maybe I had an extra yard or two space and said I'd shoot, I don't know, maybe I just snatched at them. I had enough wides anyway."

"I got an earful off Cian [Lynch] during the match."

"But sure he'd be roaring and shouting, I'd take no notice of him!"

His goal was something to behold, however, and will be played long after his wastefulness on the day is forgotten.

The instinctive first-time strike from Tom Morrissey's arrowed delivery left O'Keeffe with little chance and is unlikely to be

overtaken as goal of the year.

Gillane explained: "Noel Connors was out in front of me. I was like, 'Jeez, he has this now and he's going to break it down in front of him.'

"I was actually going to run out to the side first and then Tom was slow lifting his head. I don't know why he drilled the ball so hard either."

"It was all a fluke. He never hits the ball in like that, and Noel Connors is never going to miss the ball like that again either."

"I don't know. I think it was just instinct and I was lucky. I got a little touch on it."

It drew comparisons with Jimmy Barry-Murphy's famous strike into the same end in the 1983 All-Ireland semi-final, though Gillane added: "You'd see that on TG4 and clips and stuff. His goal just pips my one now!"

The Limerick players have been back with their clubs since the League success, which narrows their preparation time for the Munster Championship opener against Cork on May 19. Gillane has no complaints, though.

"I think it's better off that way too. You could be training and it's very easy get sick of it but if you have a focus in the short-term, it's way easier to prepare yourself mentally and physically / so I prefer it the way it is now anyway."

WORK OF ART
Gillane's goal in the final of the League



UNFULFILLED Amir Khan

He's Amir footnote in history

BY DAVID ANDERSON

AMIR KHAN'S trainer Virgil Hunter believes his man "could have achieved more" in a brutally frank assessment of the fighter's career.

Khan may be an Olympic silver medallist and former unified world light-welterweight champ, but Hunter feels he had "too much, too soon" in a career which peaked seven years ago when the Brit last held a world title.

That frustrates Hunter because he believes Khan had the talent to be a multi-weight world champion, like Saturday's opponent at Madison Square Garden, Terence Crawford.

While Khan's career has tapered off, Crawford's has gone supersonic since he won his first world title against Ricky Burns in Glasgow in 2014.

"Of course, he could have achieved more, his ability is insane," said Hunter. "What he was gifted



BAD MOVE Canelo Alvarez

with, you take that and max it out."

"But I think he had too much, too soon. You don't think you have to work any more. You think you've arrived, when you haven't."

Hunter feels Khan's brutal KO by Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez in May 2016 was a shattering blow, not just for his body, but for his career.

Khan, 32, lost two years out of the ring as he battled a hand injury, which nearly forced him to quit.

"I think if the decision had not been made to make the Canelo fight, things might have been different," said Hunter.

"He had the option of other fights. Instead, they took the Canelo fight, which I was totally against, and that was a major setback."

"It broke my heart to see him lying there, and it didn't have to happen."



Judge has lot to do

BY NEIL GOULDING

FORMER pro Michael Judge will have to come from behind to keep his dreams of a Crucible return alive.

The Dubliner (above) is bidding to become the first amateur ever to play at snooker's spiritual Sheffield home.

But he will return today 6-3 down against fellow amateur James Cahill.

Judge struggled early on as Cahill raced 4-0 up with 50, 82, 96 and 103 breaks. The former ranking semi-finalist got on the board before the Englishman opened up a commanding 6-1 cushion.

But Judge dug deep to win the last two of the session with a top run of 71 to keep himself in contention.

The 44-year-old has already pocketed a welcome £15,000 for his progress in the qualifiers - which only came as a result of a dropout.

The last of the veteran's three Crucible appearances came back in 2008.

DELF'S A DANGER

DELFINA PERSOON'S manager Fillep Tamper believes Katie Taylor's team are underestimating the WBC lightweight champion.

Tamper revealed yesterday the Belgian (above) two weeks into her training camp and is sparring top male lightweights only.

Persoon meets Taylor, the IBF, WBO and WBA title holder, at Madison Square Garden on the Anthony Joshua versus Jarrell Miller undercard on June 1 with all the major 135lbs belts up for grabs.

Tamper said: "I think they underestimate Delfine. She is sparring with some good lightweight fighters, just male fighters."

Persoon added: "I expect this will be a very tough and honest fight and that the best boxer may win this title fight - I expect that to be me."



Russell's NFL deal is biggest

RUSSELL WILSON became the highest-paid player in NFL history - then announced his \$140million (£107m) deal by video while in bed with his wife.

The Seattle Seahawks handed the 30-year-old quarterback (above) a four-year extension, including a \$65m (£50m) signing bonus.

And Wilson immediately took to Twitter, posting a video message to fans, with wife Ciara in his arms.

He told Seahawks supporters: "Hey Seattle, we got a deal. Go Hawks. But I'ma see y'all in the morning. Time for y'all to go to bed."

Wilson's annual average of \$35m (£26.8m) tops the extension signed last summer by Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers at \$33.5m (£25.6m).

Wilson is coming off his best year as a pro, with 35 touchdowns last season.

CHAMPIONS CUP SEMI-FINALS

HE CAN BE A SEANSATION

Lancaster backing O'Brien to have big impact

BY MICHAEL SCULLY

STUART LANCASTER predicts Sean O'Brien will finally take flight on Saturday after a long road back to finding his best form and fitness.

O'Brien's arm break in November was the latest in a series of debilitating injuries suffered by the Tullow Tank and, since his return to action with Leinster in February, he has struggled to make the impact expected for club and country.

Indeed, there are fears that the Lions player of the 2017 tour to New Zealand might never hit those dizzy heights again.

But Lancaster, Leinster's senior coach, believes O'Brien will step up in the province's time of need as they try to make do without the injured Dan Leavy and Josh van der Flier.

"The key thing with Sean, the surgery that he had, it does take to get back from," said the former England boss.

"As a player you're fighting to get back to training, you're fighting to get back into the team, you're fighting to find your form in the team."

"I think he's on that final stage now but certainly for me the way he played against Glasgow last weekend - particularly in the last 20 minutes of the first half and the first 20 of the second before we took him off - was a lot more where he wants to be and

where we think he should be. It's good for him now because he knows that without Dan or Josh there we need him."

"We need him playing in that No.7 role so he can completely focus the attention on that. And the good thing is that on the bench you've got the likes of Max Deegan or Caelan Doris who are young players but who have great experience as well."

"But I think he's getting there. Another good week this week and I'll think he'll be flying on Sunday."

"When I look at him now moving in training and at his collision impact it was much better in the Glasgow game, particularly his carry in the latter half of his 60 minutes - that's what Sean O'Brien does well."

"We need some stoppers in our defensive line and Seanie can be that player as well because Toulouse have Faumuina, Tekori, Kaino, Arnold and Gray - some big guys."

Leinster are seriously boosted by the return to full training of Johnny Sexton (inset yesterday), who hasn't played since suffering a quad injury in Ireland's Six Nations loss to Wales a month ago.

Lancaster admits it was "different" this year in the aftermath of the championship compared to last, when Leinster's large Ireland contingent returned with a Grand Slam secured.

But Ireland star Sexton's timely return

to full fitness is a massive lift after he missed the narrow quarter-final win over Ulster.

"He trained at the end of last week, trained Thursday and we had a non-23 session on Friday between 20 players," said Lancaster.

"He's very much in leadership mode. We'll wait and see how he plays at the weekend."

And while Devin Toner and Robbie Henshaw came through their first game since February unscathed last Saturday, Tadhg Furlong has recovered from a worrying knock he suffered in that defeat to Glasgow.

Lancaster added: "I was hoping he's OK because he's such a big player for us."

"Fortunately, if you saw the game live he gingerly got up but he seemed to be fine and he was fine in the changing room after the game."

"Now he's talking away at meetings and he's good to go."



JAMIE: WE DIDN'T FEEL

BY MICHAEL SCULLY

OUT of the ashes of Saracens' exit at the hands of Leinster last year came a desire that has made Europe's top sides fear their return to Champions Cup dominance.

Having conquered the continent in 2016 and 2017, Sarries were a shadow of their former selves in last season's quarter-final at the Aviva Stadium. But hooker Jamie

George has revealed how they picked themselves up, dusted themselves off and quickly returned a stronger force - claiming the Premiership crown in 2018 before charging unbeaten out of the pool stages and past Glasgow in the Champions Cup quarter-finals this campaign.

"We were incredibly disappointed with the Leinster result," George said of the 30-19

defeat at Aviva Stadium (left). But the important thing for us was that we were able to focus on the domestic competition - and we were able to go on and win that. That was a huge sign regarding us as a club."

"Sometimes when you lose games you learn a huge amount about yourselves and we realised that last year - that we weren't at our best at all, that we were actually quite a long way off that."



WORDS OF WISDOM Lancaster with Jordan Larmour during training session yesterday



TRUE PRO Tyler Bleyendaal has kept his focus despite injuries

KEEPING TYLER A GRAAN GESTURE

BY MICHAEL SCULLY
JOHANN VAN GRAAN

decided to keep Tyler

Bleyendaal for big weeks

exactly like this one.

The Munster boss

admits questions were

asked when the province

handed the Kiwi a new

two-year contract in

February, despite a

series of injuries that

had severely limited his

game time.

But with Joey

Carbery highly

unlikely to return

from a hamstring

problem in time for

Saturday's crunch

semi-final against

Saracens,

Bleyendaal

returns to

centre stage.

And

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in the waiting.

He's incredibly

intelligent," said

backline colleague Rory

Scannell. "He's one of

these guys who could

go straight into

coaching if you

asked him

today."

But

Bleyendaal

has

unfinished

business to

attend to as a

player before

that.

"He was

one of the

first people

I met when

I came here in that first week of the Racing game two years ago,"

remembered van Graan.

"His composure and calmness impressed me straight away, Tyler is a very consistent guy. Whether injured or not, he gives the same amount of input every week."

"He sits in on every meeting and is just one of those guys that is a real energy giver."

"He doesn't say that much but what he says has got some real value and he is a massive influence at Munster. "There was a lot of questions asked as to why I re-signed him and it is specifically for weeks like this."

"He is a great man, a very good rugby player, he understands the game of rugby - we're very lucky to have him."

Two serious neck injuries and quad problems have badly disrupted Bleyendaal's time at Munster but he didn't miss a beat when he stepped in during the first half of the quarter-final win in Edinburgh.

And Keith Earls' second try wouldn't have happened if the Ireland-qualified back hadn't put his body on the line to win back possession.

It proved to all that Bleyendaal is well and truly over the effects of his injuries.

"I've never had a neck injury but to go through what he has gone through, I don't think everyone understands how tough it really is and it takes time,"

acknowledged van Graan.

"He's fought his way back in his own quiet way."



LATE PUSH Jofra Archer is eyeing place at finals

Jofra bid for finals is queried

■ DEAN WILSON

JOFRA ARCHER faces a battle on and off the pitch to claim his place at next month's World Cup.

England will announce their initial squad of 15 at Lord's today, with T20 pace star Archer and fellow Barbados-born star Chris Jordan expected to be named in an extended group to face Ireland and Pakistan next month.

But fast bowler Chris Woakes claims it "wouldn't be fair, morally" if Archer was parachuted into a settled team.

"We've been a tight-knit group for the last two to three years, played some really strong cricket, won a lot of series," said Woakes at a launch of One Day 4 Children with the ICC and UNICEF.

"Apart from a personal level, I wouldn't want to see any of my mates and



TOUGH CALLS Morgan has big choices to make team-mates miss out. But it's the nature of international cricket that there is always someone knocking on the door.

"It probably wouldn't be fair, morally, but at the same time it's the nature of international sport."

Woakes' comments follow those of fellow England fast bowler Mark Wood, who questioned whether a late arrival like Archer could change the dynamic of the squad.

All of which leaves a huge amount of man-management for skipper Eoin Morgan and coach Trevor Bayliss to cope with on the eve of a tournament.

But Morgan is confident he can handle the issues.

He said: "The situation will need managing and that will fall on myself and Trevor's shoulders.

"But I don't mind bearing the brunt of whatever challenge it might be."

SARIE FOR OURSELVES

That became apparent in that Leinster game when we were out-played and out-classed.

"But that galvanised us, made us closer and certainly a better squad on the back of it."

"We were made aware of what it took to be the best in Europe and we then took that into the domestic competition."

"I think we saw history repeating itself in terms of what happened in the final and then

the way we started this season."

Munster, in their 14th semi-final, stand in the way of Sarries and a third final appearance in four years. This is also their sixth semi-final appearance in just seven years.

"I don't know about legacy," said England international George, when asked about just that. "We don't speak about it at the start of season but we're fully aware we are here to win

titles. And if we don't like last season, that is so disappointing for us."

"We know what rides on this game but we know we have to beat some very good teams along the way and Munster are certainly one of those."

LESSON LEARNED England hooker Jamie George says Sarries have used last year's hurt



FAI SHAMBLES

Will there come a point in this Euro campaign where the FAI struggles to pay hotel bills?

"WE are beginning to see the beginning of the end of the old FAI."

Those were Minister for Sport Shane Ross' parting words at yesterday's Oireachtas hearing on another damaging day for the Football Association of Ireland.

Its brand, the reputation of its top brass and the confidence in both has been utterly obliterated after a remarkable month of scandal and revelation.

So much of the focus has centred on the grassroots, after Sport Ireland cut its funding to the FAI.

And drawdown of larger, more valuable sports capital grants is now dependent on the FAI addressing its serious governance issues once the board resigns within the next two months.

But amid all this chaos, what of the Ireland senior team, the manager Mick McCarthy, his staff, Stephen Kenny and all the underage teams below them?

After all, FAI chiefs said the association's cash flow problems were so serious in April 2017 that generous John Delaney had to loan it €100,000 from his own pocket.

And that, the FAI claim, was to prevent it exceeding its €1.5million overdraft limit.

PAUL O'HEHIR



On that basis – and the fact there's been little or no mention in the meantime of any sudden upturn in financial fortunes – it must be a concern going forward.

Should McCarthy wonder if the FAI can afford the overheads associated with sending his team abroad for matches this year, for instance?

It's not that long ago that players from the Irish women's team were humiliated by having to change into – and then out of – their team tracksuits in airport toilets.

Should Seamus Coleman (right) and the lads fear this sort of stuff? In the wake of recent revelations about FAI finances, it's not unreasonable to ask. Will there come a point later in

the Euro 2020 campaign where the FAI struggles to pay the hotel bill in Tbilisi or Geneva?

Dramatic as that may sound, these are legitimate questions now worth asking of football's governing body.

Not least when the FAI must also shell out for the cost of the respective Mazars and Grant Thornton investigations... into its own affairs! It's madness.

At the Oireachtas hearing last week, McCarthy was namechecked by former CEO Delaney during his controversial appearance.

He said: 'All you have to do is speak to Mick McCarthy who said he couldn't recognise the association he left to.

The one he walked back into. He said that.'

McCarthy may not recognise the



DELANEY'S GONE BUT 'STILL ON PAYROLL'

FROM BACK PAGE
his role as executive vice president on Monday, pending an internal investigation.

At the Oireachtas Committee hearing yesterday, Sport Ireland chief executive John Treacy (right) claimed Delaney was doing so on full pay. Delaney reportedly earns €120,000 a year for his new role and Treacy said: "I believe

he's still on the payroll while the investigation is going on. That's as much as I know."

Sport Ireland met FAI representatives for crisis talks on Monday evening.

And chairman Kieran Mulvey said yesterday: "From my experience of employment law,

there's a term that an individual is on

garden leave and I assume that's

where Mr Delaney is." Mulvey also said the 60-strong FAI Council had the power to force an FAI EGM to remove the board earlier than July.

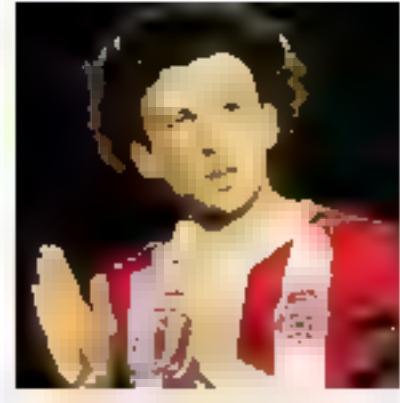
"They elect the board so it's up to them to act if they wish to do so," he said, adding that Sport Ireland cannot prevent current board members from running again.

Treacy said there are similarities between the FAI and the old Olympic

Council of Ireland (OCI) when it was under Pat Hickey's watch during the Olympic ticket scandal in Rio.

Now with new people in charge, the OCI has re-branded to the Olympic Federation of Ireland and the FAI is being urged to go down a similar route.

But former Ireland star Niall Quinn distanced himself once again from becoming FAI chief, claiming he was "certainly not the person to lead that"



CITY SLICKER McNamee is loving second Derry spell

Barry eyes up Rovers scalp next

BY PAUL BUTTNER

BARRY McNAMEE wants the Brandywell rocking on Friday night as revitalised Derry City go gunning for Shamrock Rovers.

His Candystripes blitzed St Pat's 3-1 at Richmond Park on Monday night.

And the fourth league win on the bounce edged Declan Devine's side up to second in the table to perfectly set up leaders Rovers' visit north.

Boss Devine rotated his squad in Inchicore, making three changes from last Friday's 2-0 win at UCD.

Skipper McNamee was on the bench, coming on to calm things down over the last 20 minutes.

But the midfielder was full of praise for his teammates' first half display.

"The first half-hour was probably the best we've played this season," said McNamee. "A few boys

PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts
Shamrock Rovers	11	9	1	2	20	5	28
Derry City	10	6	2	2	17	10	20
Bonhamians	10	6	2	2	9	4	20
Dundalk	10	5	3	2	17	6	18
St Patrick's	10	3	4	3	6	4	12
Waterford	10	3	2	5	13	15	11
Cork City	10	3	2	5	11	14	11
Sligo Rovers	10	3	2	5	7	13	11
UCD	10	3	1	6	12	16	10
Finn Harps	11	0	2	9	7	23	2

came in on the night. They had a point to prove and they were excellent.

"We're in great form which is good as we bring momentum into the games coming thick and fast. We've shown a great attitude."

"We went to St Pat's on Monday having been in Dublin on Friday night and we treated the game with respect, worked hard and got our rewards."

After a season at Cork City where he was played out of position, McNamee is back where he wants to be both on and off the pitch.

"In years gone by, when I was here before, some teams might have seen Derry as a soft touch," said 27-year-old McNamee.

"Deccie has come in and changed that. First things first is your attitude and that's been spot on since the first day of the season."

"We're in a good bit of form now and hopefully that continues."

BRIGHTON 0 CARDIFF 2

Mendez-Laing 22, Morrison 50

PREMIER LEAGUE
AMEX STADIUMRATINGS by MIKE WALTERS
mirror.co.uk/sport/football

BRIGHTON

RYAN
No chance with Cardiff goals, could have done with more protectionBRUNO
Sign of times when Seagulls turn to the 38-year-old for helpDUFFY
Tried in vain to restore matters following Bournemouth debacleDUNK
Lost track of Morrison at set-piece for second Bluebirds goalBERNARDO
Steady enough, but lacked any real attacking incisionGROSS
Struggled to find pockets of space, no surprise he was hookedSTEPHENS
Ponderous in possession, looked short of confidencePROPPER
Alert, but anxious and looked way below his best formJAHANBAKHSH
No disrespect, but what exactly does he bring to the party?MURRAY
Too often was left to forage for scraps down the channelsMARCH
Promising approach work, but overhit too many crossesSUBS: Andone (Gross 54) 6
Izquierdo (Jahanbakhsh 69)

CARDIFF

ETHERIDGE
Can hold his head high after producing an impressive seasonPELTIER
Stuck rigidly to his task - not pretty, but effectiveMORRISON MOTM.
Led by example, and a thumping header to make it 2-0ECUELE MANGA
Very lucky not to concede penalty for headlock on DunkBENNETT Booked.
Gave Jahanbakhsh less change than a fruit machineGUNNARSSON
There's more to life in the Premier League than long throwsRALLS
Decent set-piece delivery was always a likely source of joyMENDEZ-LAING
Superb opener bent into the top corner from 20 yardsCAMARASA
Grafted intelligently, immaculate delivery for Morrison's goalHOILETT
Teed up Mendez-Laing goal and put in huge shift defensivelyNIASSE
Few clear-cut openings, but always ready to give Dunk a gallop

SUBS: Bacuna (Gunnarsson 54) 5, K Harris (Mendez-Laing 80) 6, Zohore (Niasse 85)



NEIL & PRAY

Still hope for Warnock's battlers and sad Brighton face fight for survival



REMAINING GAMES...

BRIGHTON

Saturday
Apr 23
Apr 27
May 4
May 12Wolves
Tottenham
Newcastle
Arsenal
Man City(away)
(away)
(home)
(away)
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CARDIFF

Sun
Apr 27
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Man United(home)
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BY MIKE WALTERS
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BRIGHTON are rocking - and they can't find the emergency handbrake.

As goals from Nathaniel Mendez-Laing and Sean Morrison closed the gap between the Bluebirds and safety to just two points, Albion manager Chris Hughton cut a lonely and dispirited figure on the Amex touchline.

Booed off, after a second calamitous home defeat in four days, Brighton have lost the plot.

And with a daunting run-in, culminating in a home date with Quadruple-hunting Manchester City, it is hard to see where their next point is coming from.

Cardiff are short on quality but love a scrap. A squad of Championship players under the stewardship of that shy

and studious academic, Mr Neil Warnock, was never going to give up.

Warnock has a record eight promotions to his name, but he has never guided any of his teams to Premier League safety - and if the drayman's hatch awaits him again, he ain't going quietly.

City have been forced to play since January with the trauma of record £15million signing Emilian Sala's tragic fate on their minds.

Warnock had called on his players to draw on the spirit of Tiger Woods because "nobody gave him a chance either."

But the five-times Green Jackpot winner had a formidable set of clubs in his bag at the US

Masters: Cardiff have been trying to shoot level-par with cocktail sticks.

It would be an astonishing feat of survival. Bear Grylls-plus, if they stay up.

Brighton 12 points from a possible 51 after Saturday's meltdown against Bournemouth, had been going downhill faster than the Cresta Run.

These Seagulls are so tame they wouldn't even nick your chips on the promenade.

It says much for their collapsing form and haemorrhaging confidence that Hughton turned to 38-year-old club captain Bruno Saltor to apply the emergency tourniquet.

Warnock has never settled for artistic merit

where earnest scuffling is available, but occasionally Cardiff surprise us by putting out a Da Vinci masterpiece with the recycling.

And Men of Harlech was in full cry among the visiting contingent when Mendez-Laing collected a return pass from Junior Hoilett to curl a superb opener beyond Mat Ryan from 20 yards.

If you couldn't hear the alarm bells ringing in Brighton, there was nobody home in the belfry.

Albion justifiably felt aggrieved when referee Andre Marriner ignored their penalty appeal for Bruno Ecuele Manga's headlock on Lewis Dunk.

But Dunk was at fault when Cardiff struck again five minutes after the break, Morrison (left) escaping his marker to head Victor Camarasa's free-kick emphatically beyond Ryan.

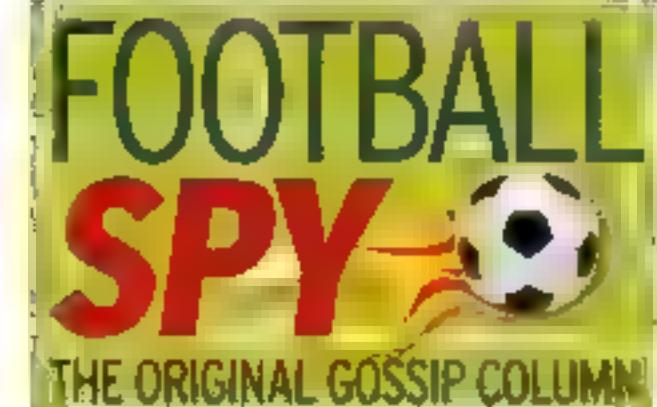
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Liverpool	34	26	7	1	77	20	85
Man City	33	27	2	4	86	22	83
Tottenham	33	22	1	10	64	34	67
Arsenal	33	20	5	8	66	49	66
Chelsea	34	20	6	8	57	36	66
Man Utd	33	19	7	7	63	44	64
Leicester	34	11	10	13	41	30	47
Wolves	33	13	8	12	41	30	47
Everton	33	13	7	14	46	44	46
Watford	33	13	7	13	47	48	46
West Ham	34	12	6	16	42	52	46
Bournemouth	34	12	5	17	49	61	41
C Palace	34	11	6	17	40	46	39
Burnley	34	11	6	17	42	60	39
Newcastle	34	10	8	16	32	43	38
Southampton	33	9	9	15	39	54	36
Brighton	33	9	6	18	32	53	33
Cardiff	34	9	4	21	30	63	31
Fulham (R)	34	5	5	24	32	76	20
Huddersf'd (R)	34	3	5	26	37	67	14

MATCH STATS

64%	POSSESSION	36%
■ SHOTS ON TARGET	3	
8	SHOTS OFF TARGET	3
■ CORNERS	4	
2	OFFSIDE	0
11	FOULS	13
0	CARDS	1 0

REF: Andre Marriner ATT: 30,226



YOURI THE MAN FOR RODGERS

BY DAVE ARMITAGE

BRENDAN RODGERS is urging Leicester to wrap up a £40million deal for loan Belgium midfielder Youri Tielemans.

The 21-year-old (below) has proved a hit and is on the radar of a number of rival clubs, including Spurs.

Monaco star Tielemans is receptive to signing permanently and the one bargaining tool that Foxes boss Rodgers has is City midfielder Adrien Silva who went to the French club in a loan 'swap' deal.

Tielemans said: "I'll be back this summer. I am open to everything. For Monaco, Leicester or another team."



SWANSONG FOR COACH CURTIS

SWANSEA legend Alan Curtis will retire from the club's coaching staff at the end of the season.

Curtis, 65, scored 110 goals in 400 Swans appearances, and has been caretaker boss three times.

"After over 40 years serving the club I felt this was the right time to step back from day-to-day involvement," said Curtis (right), who will take up a new role as honorary club president.



PORTO v LIVERPOOL

BELIEVE

If you don't think we can do the Double you might as well stay at home says Virgil

BY DAVID MADDICK
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VIRGIL VAN DIJK has told his team-mates: "You have to believe we'll do the double - otherwise you can stay home next time."

The Dutch colossus arrived in Porto with his team-mates yesterday, insisting it is a great time to be a Red.

They aim to complete the demolition of the Portuguese after a 2-0 victory at Anfield in the first leg, to reach a second consecutive Champions League semi-final.

But the Liverpool defender insists his team must now dare to dream they can go further and complete a memorable double by also lifting the Premier League trophy.

"For us now it is about belief. And if you think about it, what are eight games? Fingers crossed. You have to give everything you have got," he explained.

"It is going to be tough, we know that. But it is a great time to be a Liverpool player. We have to, you know, just go for it."

Liverpool really are in touching distance of the ultimate domestic and European double - a feat they

have achieved twice before in their glorious history, in 1977 and 1984.

Those teams were considered the greatest of all time in Reds legend, and Van Dijk is not scared of the challenge of attempting to join those greats in Anfield folklore.

In a rousing call to his team, he said: "You have to believe, otherwise you can stay home next time. You need that belief."

And asked if suggesting they have eight games left shows the club's belief, he added: "Yes...you have to keep that in mind, think that way, that's what we are aiming for."

"But I did say fingers crossed as well! It is still something we need to believe in, but of course we still need to do it too."

"We are going to believe in ourselves to keep going, to reach the final again, because that is what we are here for."

"That's what we have to do, just focus on ourselves, give it everything, see where it takes us."

Van Dijk (above) refuses to underestimate Porto though, and he explained that Liverpool will show them the respect of playing their strongest side - and their natural game.

And he reckons the Reds must

be brave enough to attack in search of an away goal to kill the tie.

"Porto will still have the belief, but we obviously believe we are going there to finish the job," added the centre-back.

"We have to play our game. We are not going to defend the 2-0, we want to attack and play like we have been playing this season...hopefully create chances to score a goal maybe two."

"If we score one we know they will need four to go through."

"We must play our game, create chances and then finish them."



TIME TO STAND UP

Virgil van Dijk says Liverpool can join the legends of 1977 and 1984

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, QUARTER-FINAL, SECOND LEG
DRAGON STADIUM, KO 8PM (LIVERPOOL LEAD 2-0)

OR LEAVE



MILNER: WE MUST DELIVER

BY DAVID MADDOCK

JAMES MILNER pulled no punches as he insisted Liverpool must win a trophy this season to be bracketed with the best in the world.

The Reds veteran was responding to Porto coach Sergio Conceicao, who was gushing in his praise of the Kop squad ahead of tonight's second leg.

Conceicao admitted: "Liverpool give me all I like about football.

"I like the dynamics. I like the game model.

"It's how I see football and in a lot of moments, they are the best team in the world."

Yet Milner, who twice won the league with Manchester City but has been in three finals with Liverpool without raising a trophy, said: "You get those compliments by playing good football over a sustained period of time, so we can take that as a compliment."

"But to be the best in the world you have to win trophies."

"There are a lot of good teams left in the Champions League and it's down to us to prove that, and hopefully win at least one trophy this season."

"There are also a lot of good teams between us and the last

game of the season and we have to keep improving and playing like we are doing at the moment."

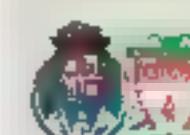
"Getting to three finals has helped a lot, and given us a lot of experience. You can see that with the way we have been able to grind out wins even when we have not been at our best."

But boss Jurgen Klopp (above, in high spirits with his squad) joked about Conceicao's words being a trap.

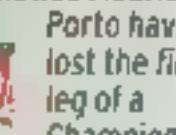
"My players are not silly they don't misunderstand things like this - we have to play at our limit 100 per cent, and not just try to go through, because we can not underestimate the power they have," said the German.

Klopp revealed Dejan Lovren didn't travel because he was ill, but Joe Gomez is ready to play a part from the bench.

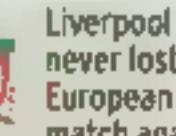
MATCH FACTS



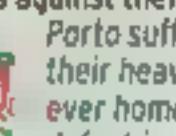
Two of the three teams that lost their first leg by two or more goals in the last 16 of the Champions League this season managed to turn around the tie in the second leg - with Manchester United knocking out Paris Saint-Germain and Juventus defeating Atletico Madrid.



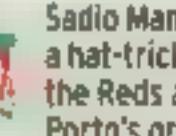
Porto have lost the first leg of a Champions League/European Cup knockout tie by two or more goals on six occasions - and in all six of those they have been eliminated from the competition.



Liverpool have never lost a European match against Porto in their seven previous encounters (W4 D3 L0), keeping three successive clean sheets against them.



Porto suffered their heaviest ever home defeat in European competition against Liverpool during last season's Champions League, with the Anfield side winning 5-0 in a last-16 tie.



Sadio Mane hit a hat-trick for the Reds at Porto's ground in last season's tournament; no player has ever scored two hat-tricks away from home against one club.

TEAMS

PORTO: Casillas, Corona, Pepe, Militao, Telles, Danilo, Torres, Herrera, Marega, Soares, Brahimi

LIVERPOOL: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Lovren, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson, Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Salah, Firmino, Mane

Scholes in bets probe

FROM BACK PAGE
between August 2015 and January 2019 when the stakes were placed, and FA rules prevent anyone working within the game from gambling on football.

The former England midfielder, 44, is the latest high-profile star to fall foul of the FA's strict rules, although he is more likely to face a fine or warning rather than a suspension.

While Scholes' bets potentially break the rules, they are believed to have been placed for personal enjoyment and without using insider knowledge.

Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge is being investigated over bets placed on possible loan moves, while Joey Barton was banned for placing 1,260 bets on matches.

Puel 'upset cosy Foxes'

BY DARREN LEWIS
CLAUDE PUEL believes he lost his job at Leicester because he forced players out of their comfort zone.

The Frenchman - axed in February - tried to oversee a transition from City's ageing title-winners of 2016 to a young, vibrant group good enough to challenge for a return to Europe.

But the younger players struggled, while his experienced campaigners fumed at being left out.

Puel said: "When you take players out of comfort or ask something else, there are tensions."

"I put myself in difficulty, knowingly. It hurts players who have been there for a long time. But it must be done, I have no regrets, I'm happy with the job I did."

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Happy days for accused Joey

BY JOHN CROSS

LAUGHING Joey Barton looked like he did not have a care in the world, taking training at Fleetwood just three days after his alleged assault on Barnsley boss Daniel Stendel.

The Tykes have made a formal complaint to the Football League over the incident, which occurred in the tunnel after their 4-2 League One victory over Barton's side.

The FA are watching developments with interest, but are unlikely to get involved because of an ongoing police investigation, which may result in formal charges being brought against Barton (above). According to witnesses, Saturday's flare-up left Stendel with "blood pouring from his face".

HENNESSEY 'IGNORANT ON HITLER'

WAYNE HENNESSEY claimed he "did not know" what a Nazi salute was, as the Crystal Palace star escaped punishment.

He was told by an FA panel he showed a "lamentable degree of ignorance" about Adolf Hitler, fascism and the Nazi regime after his case of making an offensive gesture was found unproven.

Hennessey (left) was pictured with his arm in the air and hand above his mouth, but said he "waved and shouted at the person taking the picture to get on with it".

The panel said the goalkeeper "displayed a very considerable - one might even say lamentable - degree of ignorance about Hitler, fascism and the Nazi regime... We do not feel we should find [he] was not telling the truth."

Boss' job in the Bag for Shan

ROOKIE boss Jimmy Shan has been handed the task of trying to get managerless West Brom back into the big time.

The 40-year-old former academy head coach has been given the job until the end of the season. Albion are fourth in the table and look to be in a strong enough position to get over the line for the play-offs.

Shan (above) has been in charge of first-team affairs for six matches - taking 12 points - following the shock sacking of Baggies boss Darren Moore just over a month ago.

He said: "I'm happy we can now move forward with clear direction for the remainder of the season."

"It won't change the work ethic and application of the players and the staff, but it enables us to crack on with a clear target in our sights."

MANCHESTER CITY v TOTTENHAM

DON'T MENTION THE FOUR

Stones ignores Pep's cagey approach and admit he's dreaming of the Quadruple



RELAXED AND READY

Phil Foden, Nicolas Otamendi and Sergio Aguero in training yesterday; (left) Stones

BY ANDY DUNN
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JOHN STONES has not got the Quadruple memo from the manager. Clearly.

While Pep Guardiola has often played down Manchester City's chances of an unprecedented clean sweep, Stones is positively bullish about the prospect.

And as Guardiola cut a pressurised figure ahead of the Champions League second leg against Tottenham, Stones was relaxed and relishing the brutally tough challenges that lie ahead.

Guardiola (right) would only go as far as saying that the guarantee of a top-four Premier League finish was an incredible success. Stones, on the other hand, is targeting the maximum haul of silverware.

The England defender said: "We are still on for the Quadruple and that is the dream we are trying to achieve and fighting every day

for. If you don't dream then you are not going to get anywhere near it. It comes from within everyone, we have this belief and ambition to do it. I don't think a lot of things are impossible."

Stones used the example of last season's record-breaking Premier League points total as evidence of City's iron will to set new benchmarks.

He added: "Last season, we won the league quite early but 100 points had never been done before. So we had the belief and desire to go on and do it and we went on to do it. That is in the mindset."

Stones is not a guaranteed starter as City look to overturn a 1-0 deficit from the first leg and make it through to the last four in a competition he desperately wants to win.

He said: "It is something we are all dreaming of and all want to achieve. The Premier League and Champions League are both so important for our history as a club.

"The Champions League is something we have not got and something we want to put in the trophy cabinet."

Stones has not been an automatic choice but insists he will be ready to deal with the intensity of the

two games against Spurs and next Wednesday's derby at Old Trafford.

He said: "You get the best out of yourself when you are under this sort of scrutiny and you find within yourself who you are as a player.

To be involved in those big games, it is a privileged position and we have got to take every opportunity."

As he spoke on the eve of the showdown with Spurs, Stones had not been told whether he will feature from the off.

He might well get his chance if

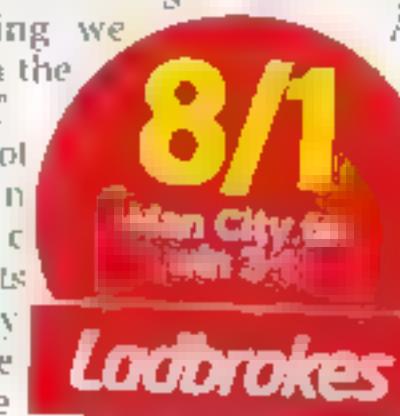
Guardiola decides to shift Aymeric Laporte into the problematic left-back slot.

Whatever his role, Stones will be ready, adding: "If it is five minutes, 20 minutes, full game, whatever, you have to be ready to fight for the team, to be unselfish."

"Everyone is together here. Everyone knows how big the game is and how important it is to us as a club. It is a massive occasion."

"For the rest of the season we have everything to play for and we have to enjoy the pressure and roll with it and believe in ourselves."

And in Stones' case, that means believing in the Quadruple.



FANS TOLD TO RAISE GAME

FROM BACK PAGE

this season, as they welcome Spurs in the second leg of the Champions League quarter-final.

The same opponents return in the Premier League on Saturday before City visit neighbours United at Old Trafford next Wednesday. And Blues boss

Guardiola issued a

rare rallying call to the crowd, saying: "The players are human, they will have bad moments in the games and, at that moment, we need our supporters."

"Without the supporters, we cannot go through. I'm really curious to how our fans are going to react. Really curious."

Guardiola has not reached a

Champions League final since 2011 - and he wants the sort of febrile atmosphere he has experienced at other grounds.

He said: "Many times I played in the semi-finals and quarter-finals and every time I played away, the atmosphere was really incredible. They support their teams. Now we really need it."

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUARTER-FINAL 2ND LEG
ETIHAD STADIUM, 8PM

SAVING THE DAY Lloris was a hero in the first leg when he denied Sergio Aguero from the penalty spot early in the tie

Hugo first
but we'll
fight back

LLORIS EXPECTS CITY ONSLAUGHT, BUT SAYS SPURS WILL ATTACK ON COUNTER AND COME OUT ON TOP

MATCH FACTS

■ Manchester City trail 1-0 after losing the first leg against Tottenham of the 32 previous occasions of a side losing the first leg of a two-legged Champions League tie 1-0 away from home, 10 went on to progress (30%).
■ Tottenham were eliminated the last time they won 1-0 in the first leg of a two-legged European tie at home, being

knocked out by Kaiserslautern in the second round of the 1999-2000 UEFA Cup (2-1 on aggregate).

■ SPURS have only won one of their last eight visits to Manchester City in all competitions (01/16), a 2-1 Premier League win in February 2016.
■ The first leg of Tottenham vs. Manchester City saw eight different English players in the

two starting line-ups. The last UEFA Champions League game to see more Englishmen start was the 2008 Champions League final between Manchester United vs. Chelsea (10).
■ In European competition, Manchester City have lost all five of their previous matches against fellow English clubs, including all three in the Champions League.

BY GIDEON BROOKS

HUGO LLORIS says Spurs are braced for an early onslaught from a fired-up Manchester City - insisting that they are "ready to suffer".

The keeper, whose penalty save from Sergio Aguero in last week's Champions League quarter-final denied City, before Son Heung-min (below) got the first-leg winner for the Londoners, is prepared for a busy evening.

But he fired a warning to Pep Guardiola's men that Tottenham remain capable of hurting them on the counter attack in a night when the home side cannot afford to concede.

"From one game to another, the football can change very quickly," said Lloris.

"It is all about the mentality, the spirit, to have the same idea of football together and then of course we are ready to suffer because tomorrow we are going to suffer."

"But we know we can make the game difficult for them, too. It is just about enjoying being at this stage of the competition, being ready to compete. Momentum is very important."

Lloris' penalty save after 13 minutes proved a key moment in the first leg, with Ilkay Gundogan admitting City reacted badly to the setback.

"I don't think it is the only reason because we made such an effort to win this game, but it was a key moment," added Lloris.

"But it is going to be a different game. We have a small advantage, but everything can turn quickly."

"It is important to come here with ambition, to stick with our basics and, if we come here with the mentality to score goals, it will make it harder for Man City. We know we will have to suffer."

"We know in the Champions League in a double confrontation it is always important not to

concede a goal at home. It can help you for the return game."

"But we are going to face one of the best teams in Europe, they can make the difference at any moment and score a lot of goals."

"One-nil was a good result, but we need to get it. We are going to have to use our brains as well, but it doesn't mean we are not going to have to run as well. We have to finish the game with the feeling we have given everything."

Spurs are missing Harry Kane for the second leg after the striker injured an ankle last week.

But Lloris maintained they are not a one-man team.

He said: "He is very difficult to replace, but the good thing is everyone is ready to help the team."

"We have a different profile up front and they are ready to fight and give the maximum for the team. It is all about team performance."

Spurs would be reaching fresh ground in Champions League football should they make it through to the semi-final stage.

And Lloris said it would be further evidence of progress in north London under manager Mauricio Pochettino.

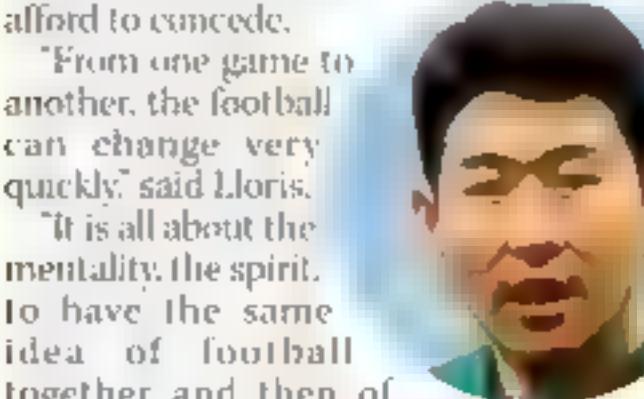
"We are in a good position and it is a massive opportunity for the club to make a big step forward," he said.

"But no matter what happens tomorrow, I think we can be very proud of everything."

Pochettino believes there are still big steps to be made, but said: "With our new stadium, we need to be contenders to fight for the Champions League and the Premier League because we need the tools to be there."

"It is going to be tough to find a way to be on the same level as Real Madrid and Barcelona."

"For us there is a lot of work to be on the level we want in the future."



Hazard spent five years at Lille before leaving for London in a stunning £32m deal in 2012. The 28-year-old has since lifted two Premier Leagues, the FA Cup, League Cup and Europa League.

With the club languishing outside the Premier League's top four, however, Hazard is set to follow up his well-documented wish to work with Zinedine Zidane at Real Madrid.

Gary Cahill is continuing to attract interest from West Ham. The former England centre-back has been out in the cold at Chelsea, and is desperate for regular first-team football.

He could get his wish this week with Antonio Rudiger a big doubt for the quarter-final, second leg.

Rudiger is having a scan to determine the extent of the knee injury he suffered in Sunday's 2-0 defeat at Liverpool.

Cahill, 33, has made just seven appearances this term, the last of which was against PAOK Salonika five months ago.

GRANIT: JOB NOT DONE

Napoli v Arsenal

Europa League quarter-final, second leg, tomorrow, 8pm (Arsenal lead 2-0)

GRANIT XHAKA braced Arsenal for a new test of backbone in Naples, ahead of a "big, big weekend" in the top-four scramble.

The Gunners (manager Unai Emery, right) head for Italy with a healthy advantage from their Europa League quarter-final first leg fortified by a first Premier League away clean sheet of the season.

Then Emery's men could climb above Tottenham into third, if Spurs drop points at Manchester City, before Arsenal entertain Crystal Palace on Sunday. An



unconvincing 1-0 win at 10-man Watford lifted the Gunners back into Champions League orbit, but Xhaka (right) warned the storm has not yet passed.

He said: "We had a good result at home, but it will not be easy in Napoli, as you have seen with Liverpool and PSG's results there. Napoli have a good team, especially with their fans, but 2-0 (from the first leg) is a good result and I hope we can reach the semi-final."

As for the Gunners' top-four hopes, the Swiss midfielder added: "We are one point behind Tottenham and now they play City. It can be a big, big weekend for us."

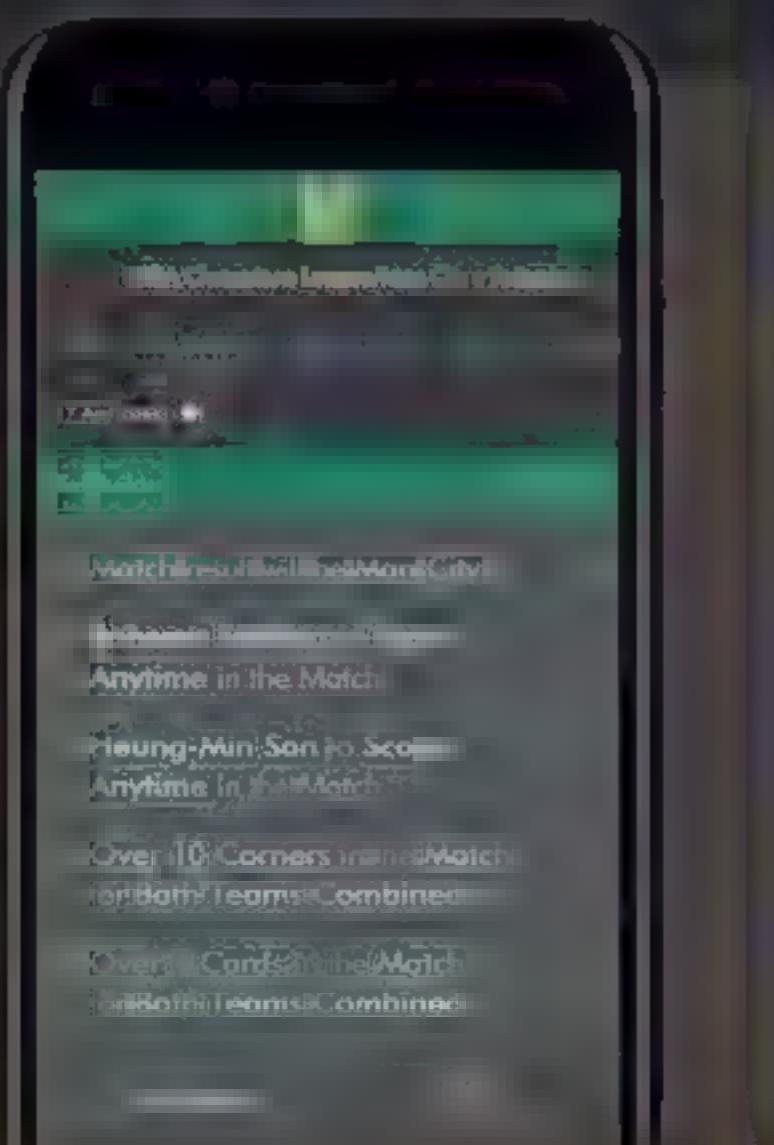


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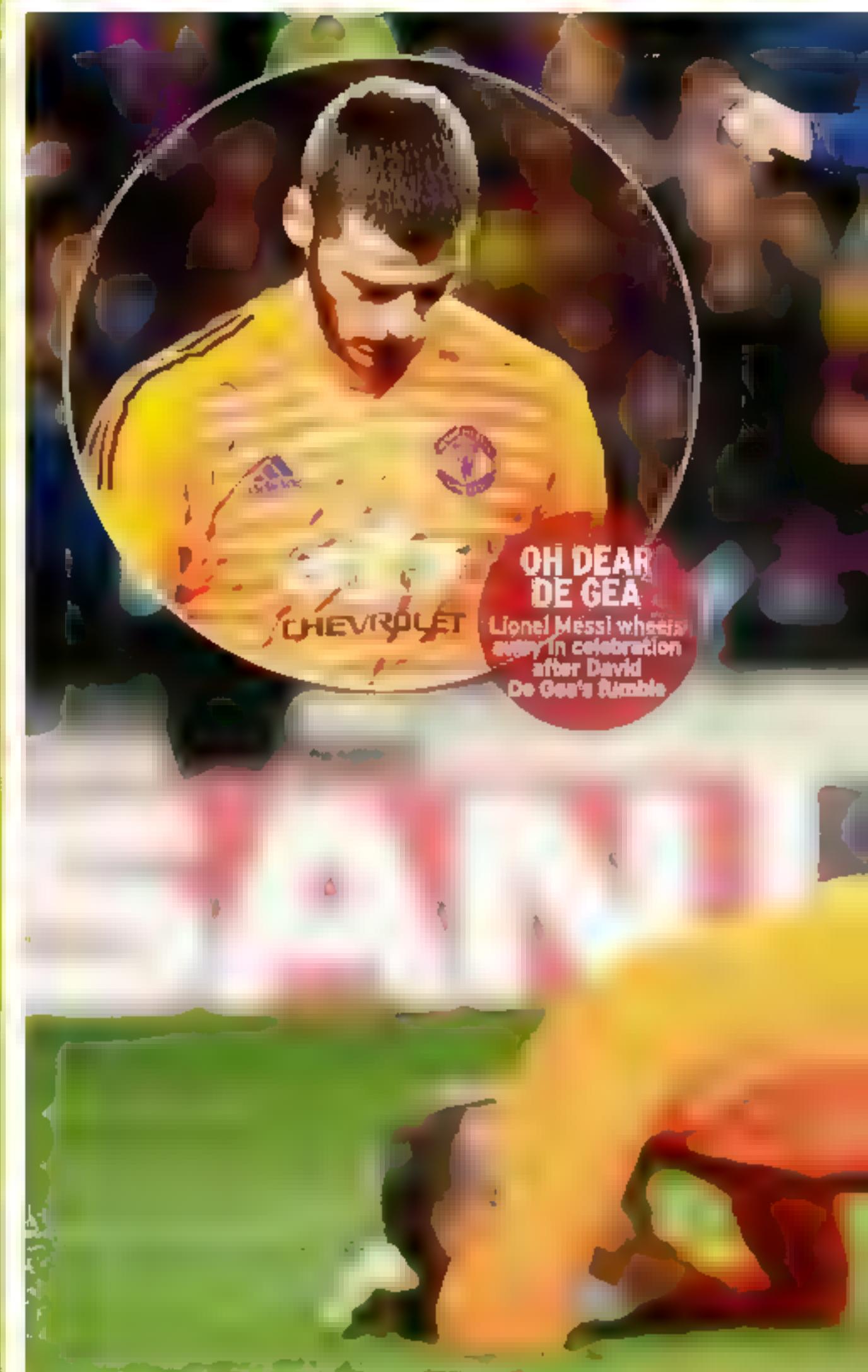


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Messi 16, 20, Coutinho 61



**'A' for effort,
but United are
three goals
& eight years
behind Barca**

BARCELONA WIN
4-0 ON AGGREGATEQUARTER-FINAL, 2ND LEG
FROM THE NOU CAMP

De Ligt as Ajax crush Ron & Co

Juventus 1 Ajax 2
Ajax win 3-2 on agg

MATTHIJS DE LIGT'S thumping header stunned Juventus as Ajax claimed a second famous scalp.

The Dutch teenager (above) rose between two defenders midway through the second half to power home a downward header.

It added Juve to Real Madrid as their Champions League victims this campaign - and set up a semi-final clash with either Manchester City or Spurs.

Ronaldo put Juve in front midway through the first half when he stole in to convert a Miralem Pjanic corner with a bullet header.

But the advantage lasted just six minutes before Donny van de Beek levelled.

Hakim Ziyech tried his luck from the edge of the box only for his shot to be blocked. It rolled straight to Van de Beek, who steered it low into the far corner.

Ajax grew in confidence after the break before De Ligt scored to leave Juve needing two to go through.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Quarter-Final 2nd Leg

BARCELONA (2) 3	MAN UTD (0) 0
Messi 16, 20	96,708
Coutinho 61	
(Barcelona won 4-0 on agg)	
JUVENTUS (1) 1	AJAX (1) 2
Ronaldo 28	Van de Beek 64
	De Ligt 87
(Ajax won 3-2 on agg)	

PREMIER LEAGUE

BRIGHTON (0) 0	CARDIFF (1) 2
30,226	Mendez-Laing 84

Morrison 88

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

MORTON (2) 2	INVERNESS (1) 2
Lyon 11	McDonald 18
Killie pen 42	McCauley 11

1,316

VANARAMA NORTH

Alli Incham 1 Brackley 2

VANARAMA SOUTH

Truro 1 Concord Rangers 3

EVO-STIK SOUTH

Beaconsfield 1 Merthyr 1

TENNIS

ATP MONTE-CARLO MASTERS

Monaco, 1st Round (selected)

C Norrie (Gbr) bt A Mannarino (Fra) 6-4 6-3

2nd Round (selected)

G Pella (Arg) bt (7) M Cilic (Cro) 6-3 7-6-1, (1) N Djokovic (Srb) bt P Kohlschreiber (Ger) 6-3 4-6 6-4

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

UEFA Champions League

Quarter-Final 2nd Leg

FC Porto v Liverpool (8, agg 0-2)

Man City v Tottenham (8, agg 0-1)

CRICKET

Royal London One-Day Cup

Group A

Riverside: Durham v Northants (11)

Old Trafford: Lancs v Worcs (11)

Headingley: Yorks v Leics (11)

Group B

SWALEC: Glamorgan v Essex (11)

Bristol: Gloucs v Surrey (11)

Canterbury: Kent v Hants (1)



DAVID McDONNELL

ONE team had Messi, the other simply was messy.

Manchester United were handed a brutal reality check here, a sobering reminder of just how far they have fallen behind Europe's elite.

And this result underlines the size of the rebuilding job facing Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, one that proved beyond his three predecessors.

United need a radical overhaul this summer, if they are to have any hope of sitting back at Europe's top table any time soon, with the likes of Lionel Messi-inspired Barcelona.

Solskjaer needs a major clear-out of players who have stayed on too long at United, with skipper Ashley Young – at fault for the first goal after 16 minutes – among those who are past their sell-by date.

Young may have been the culprit for the opener, his over-elaboration on the ball proving costly, but it was David de Gea – well below his best this season – who was to blame for Messi's second of the night.

Even though his midfield

and defence left him exposed, by allowing Messi to slalom his way into a shooting position, De Gea had no one to blame but himself for letting a tame shot squirm under his body and into the net.

De Gea has one year left on his contract and has yet to agree an extension, with United adamant they will not be forced to sell him this summer, even if he does not sign a new deal before next season.



Then there is the Paul Pogba conundrum. Jose Mourinho tried and failed to get the best out of United's club-record £89million signing, and Solskjaer (left), after witnessing the France World Cup winner flourish when he arrived, is facing the same issue.

Real have begun their charm offensive to lure Pogba this summer, which has coincided with the 26-year-old's sudden loss of form. From eight goals and six assists in his first 10 games under Solskjaer, to

three goals – two from the penalty spot – and a solitary assist in his subsequent 10, Pogba seems to be doing his level best to seal a summer exit.

If ever a moment summed up the self-indulgence that so often undermines Pogba's prodigious talent, it came in the eighth minute, when he tried an audacious chip over Marc-Andre ter Stegen from 50 yards, the failed effort drawing howls of derision from the Nou Camp crowd.

United have spent around £725m on players since Sir Alex Ferguson stepped down in 2013. Spending £52m on Fred, hopelessly outclassed last night, was yet more evidence of why United need a director of football to oversee a strategic recruitment policy. The

signing of Alexis Sanchez, on £500,000 a week, was another monumental misjudgment.

Throwing money around in the haphazard way United have in recent years has, unsurprisingly, not worked, with the Europa League, FA Cup and League Cup the only trophies to show for six years of turmoil at a club that once prided itself on continuity and stability.

Barca's third goal – courtesy of former Liverpool star Philippe Coutinho – only served to rub salt in United's wounds. The big prizes have eluded them in the six years since Ferguson left, and will continue to do so.

Against that backdrop, Solskjaer has it all to do to take his Red Devils back to the top.

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MANCHESTER UNITED 0

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GENIUS MESSI IS TWO GOOD

Barca legend lives up to his 'world's best' status with a double strike

BY JOHN CROSS
Chief Football Writer
[@johncrossmirror](https://www.instagram.com/johncrossmirror)**MIRACLES** do not happen twice. And never in the face of such genius.

The night belonged to Lionel Messi, destroying Manchester United with the sort of breathtaking performance which has established him as the greatest player of this and arguably any generation.

Messi's first goal was a thing of beauty, a sensational 20-yard left-foot shot curled into the far corner at a time when United were looking dangerous and a genuine threat. Mind you, that was over pretty quickly.

His second was also a collector's item, too, because it came after a horrible mistake by David De Gea. The keeper is supposedly the best in the world, but he let a tame, routine shot go under his body.

That was it. All over. United showed some heart but are

nowhere near being on the same level as a Barcelona team which is supposedly a fading force. But what can you expect when you are asking the likes of Fred and an ageing Ashley Young to try to stop the world's best player?

Paul Pogba (above) looked like a player who did not want to be there but no big club will sign him on this evidence.

It was an embarrassing mismatch at times.

There was never going to be another miracle like 1999 when Ole Gunnar Solskjaer famously got United's stoppage-time winner in the Nou Camp to lift the Champions League and complete the Treble.

The world has changed since then. United look also-rans on this stage

and, even though they went for the fairytale option by appointing Solskjaer, they will need a huge overhaul to get back to former glories.

For Barca, while they have

Messi then anything is possible. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner turns 32 in June, shows no signs of slowing down and we should treasure every time he steps onto the pitch.

There was an incredible moment just before half-time. Messi picked up the ball just inside the United half, beat poor old Phil Jones twice, went back and

did it again for good measure before then nutmegging him to rub salt in the wounds.

Messi's lay-off then released Jordi Alba, his cross found Sergio Roberto and his shot at the back post was kept out by a desperate block from De Gea as the United keeper sunk to his knees almost praying for mercy.

The cruel thing for United was the hope because they actually started well.

Pogba released Marcus Rashford (below) and the United No.10 crashed a shot against the crossbar inside 40 seconds. Scott McTominay also

had a brief sight of goal as United started with real intent.

But the mood changed on 16 minutes, just after Barcelona had rightly been denied a penalty by VAR

for a Fred challenge. The reprieve was brief. Young lost possession, Messi seized the initiative, threw a shimmy which wrong-footed Fred and then unleashed a sensational curling left-foot shot into the bottom corner.

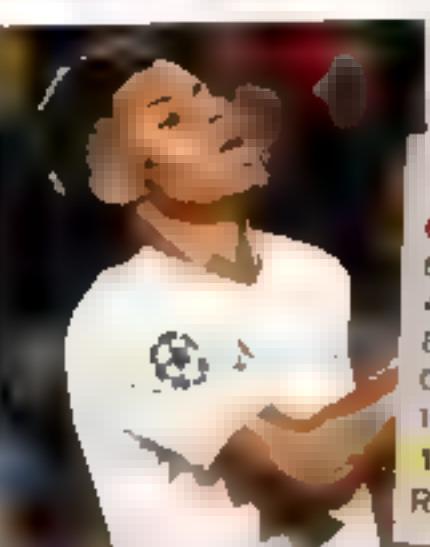
It was a great goal but probably not even in Messi's top 10. Five minutes later, it was all over. Messi seized on

more United indecision. Fred at fault again, the Barcelona

No.10 then stormed forward but did not really catch his shot well. However, it still dribbled under De Gea's body for a cruel second.

Worse was to follow. Barca's former Liverpool star Philippe Coutinho set up a potential semi-final with his old club with a third, a brilliant curling right-foot shot from 20 yards which flew past De Gea and into the top corner after 62 minutes.

There was no stopping them.

**MATCH STATS**

66%	POSSESSION	34%
6	SHOTS ON TARGET	3
4	SHOTS OFF TARGET	3
8	CORNERS	3
0	OFFSIDE	3
10	FOULS	15
1	CARDS	0

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Lionel Messi and Philippe Coutinho celebrate after Messi's brilliant opener

QUARTER-FINAL, 2ND LEG FROM THE NOU CAMP

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BARCELONA**TER STEGEN**

Brilliant late save to deny United substitute Sanchez's header

ROBERTO

Will still be wondering how he did not score but for De Gea's block

PIQUE

Getting better with age. If they win the trophy, he will play a big part

LENGLET

Looked uncomfortable with United's early movement and pace

ALBA

Fantastic overlapping runs, wonderful asset from left-back. Terrific

RAKITIC

Keeps it all ticking over nicely, shows lovely moments of quality

BUSQUETS

Perhaps not the player that he was, but still provides brilliant shield

ARTHUR

Lovely passing and vision, keeps it simple, but stats always good

MESSI

WITTM Two goals and every time you watch him is a privilege

SUAREZ

Booked Tormentor in attack, set up potential Liverpool reunion

COUTINHO

Blimey, if the midfielder is under-achieving... scored a wonder goal

SUBS: Samedo (Roberto 75) 6

Vidal (Arthur 75) 6

Dembele (Coutinho 81) 6

SUBS: Dalot (Martial 65) 5

Lukaku (Rashford 73) 5

Sanchez (Lingard 80) 5

MAN UTD**DE GEA**

What a howler. And not even the world's best keeper can stop Messi

JONES

Given a horrible night by Messi, turned inside out. Couldn't handle it

SMALLING

Tried hard, stuck to his task but United defence given the runaround

LINDELOF

A surprise choice in a patched-up United defence. Poor

YOUNG

These games with Barca might just signal end of United career

McTOMINAY

Willing and competitive force in the first leg, but fell short this time

FRED

Just not good enough for United. Not even close. Awful display

POGBA

Playing like a player who wants to go. Really poor. Let team down

LINGARD

Has yet to recapture his best form since returning from injury

RASHFORD

Looked the one United player ready to carry a threat to Barcelona

MARTIAL

Good early on, cutting in from left, but got lost as the game wore on

SUBS: Samedo (Roberto 75) 6

Vidal (Arthur 75) 6

Dembele (Coutinho 81) 6

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NOU WAY, OLE

FROM BACK PAGE

could do about Messi's first, after 16 minutes, a virtuoso solo run capped by an unstoppable sweeping finish into the far corner.

But he was left red-faced for Messi's second four minutes later, allowing the Argentina star's shot to squirm under his body and over the line.

Philippe Coutinho hit a third for a 4-0 aggregate win with a stunning long-range effort to compound United's plight and show

what a major rebuilding job Solskjaer (below) is facing.

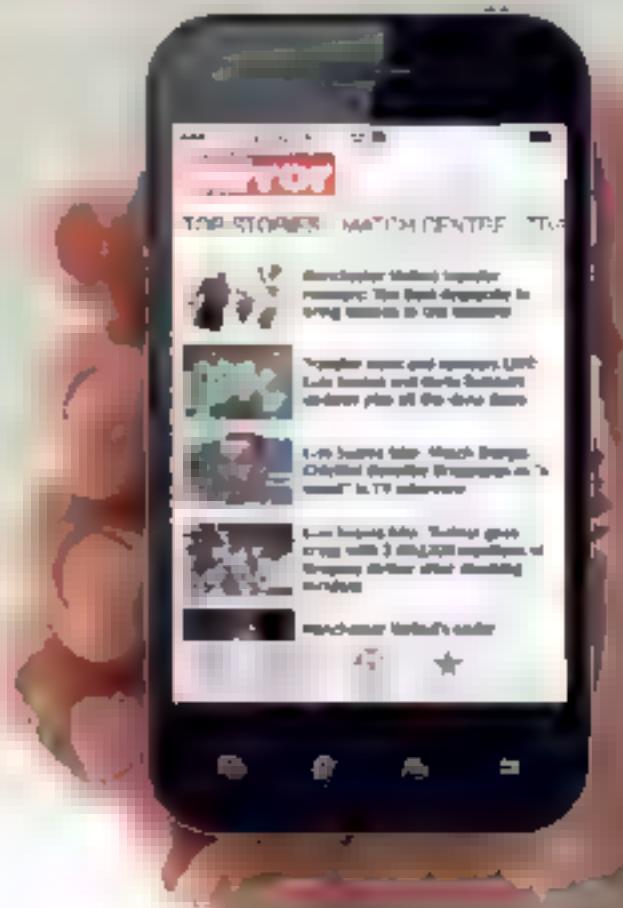
Messi came close to clinching his hat-trick just after the hour, with an overhead kick that flew just wide. So there was no dream return to the Nou Camp for Solskjaer, 20 years after his dramatic late goal clinched the Champions League and the Treble.

Liverpool take on Porto tonight holding a 2-0 first-leg lead, and they will face Barca in the semi-finals if they come through.

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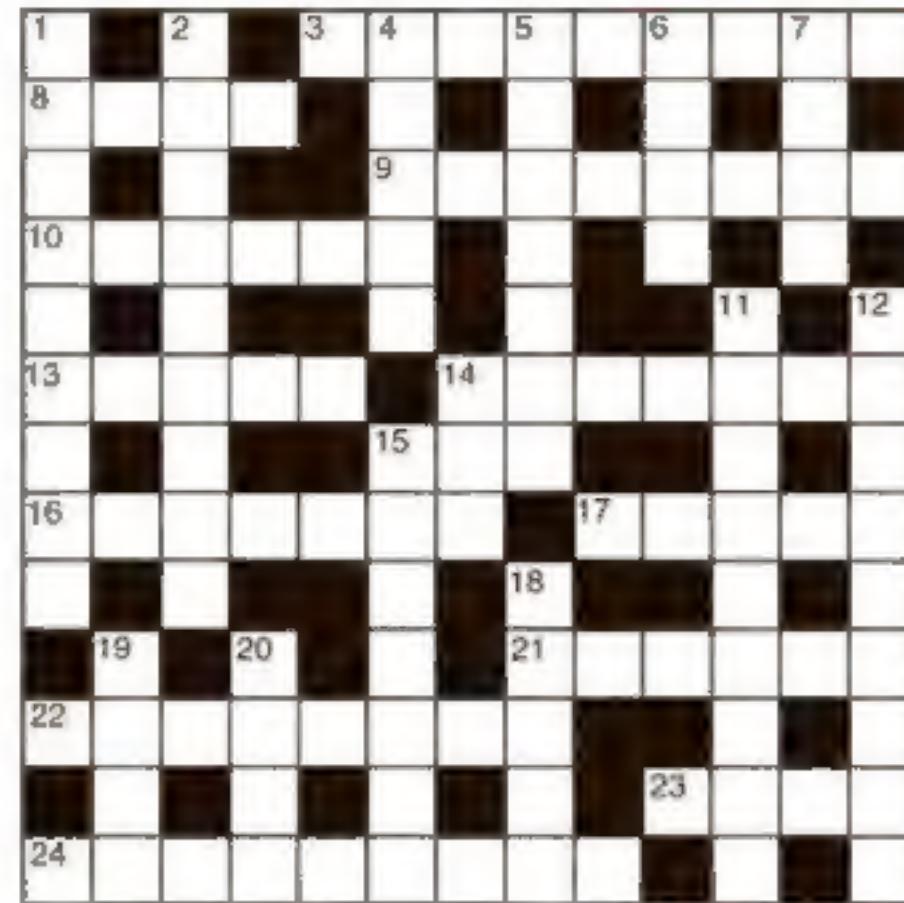
Quizword

ACROSS

- 3 1947 Broadway musical by Lerner and Loewe named after a mysterious Scottish village (9)
- 6 – Handicap, flat race run at York in August last won by Muntahaa in 2018 (4)
- 9 See 14 Down
- 10 2000s BBC TV sitcom starring Ardal O'Hanlon as Thermoman aka George Sunday (2,4)
- 13 and 15 Personification of the government of the United States (5,3)
- 14 and 12 Down 2018 comedy-fantasy film starring Lakeith Stanfield and Tessa Thompson (5,2,6,3)
- 15 See 11 Across
- 16 British girl group whose 1993 debut album was Always & Forever (7)
- 17 2015 comedy-drama film starring Michael Caine and Harvey Keitel (5)
- 21 Unit of weight used for measuring the fineness of silk equal to one gram per 9,000 metres (6)
- 22 Cecil –, Poet Laureate from 1968-72 (3-5)
- 23 City in Nevada, US, noted as a gambling and divorce centre (4)
- 24 Kenya-born presenter whose credits include BBC TV series Springwatch and Autumnwatch (5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Chris –, Australian rider; 2007 MotoGP Grand Prix de France winner (9)
- 2 Greek dramatist whose works include Philoctetes and Oedipus at Colonus (9)
- 4 Cathedral city in North Yorkshire on the River Ure (5)
- 5 Firstborn son of Moses and Zipporah in the Bible (7)
- 6 Princess of Tyre in classical mythology who founded Carthage (4)
- 7 Department of France; capital Beauvais (4)
- 11 2018-19 Scottish Championship football club managed by Ian McCall (3,6)
- 12 See 14 Across
- 14 and 9 Across Narrator of 1957 novel On the Road by Jack Kerouac (3,8)
- 15 State of Malaysia on Borneo; capital Kuching (7)
- 18 J T –, author of novels Trail Boss and Waco's Debt (5)
- 19 Hindu goddess of destruction (4)
- 20 Highest adult male voice (4)



Crossword

ACROSS

- 3 Bold exploit (9)
- 8 Performs on stage (4)
- 9 Be like (8)
- 10 Person living in solitude (6)
- 13 Stair part (5)
- 14 Torment (7)
- 15 Flipper (3)
- 16 Nine-sided figure (7)
- 17 Tooth for grinding food (5)
- 21 Very nearly (6)
- 22 Draws back (8)
- 23 Terror (4)
- 24 Ready to wear (3-3)

DOWN

- 1 Assembly (9)
- 2 Now (2,7)
- 4 Grubby (5)
- 5 Fifth Greek letter (7)
- 6 Measure how long something takes (4)
- 7 Irritate (4)
- 11 Powerful vehicle for moving earth (9)
- 12 District (9)
- 14 Metallic element (3)
- 15 Plant greenery (7)
- 18 Adhesive (5)
- 19 Red meat (4)
- 20 Horse's gait (4)

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Asteroid (A)
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Korean War (F)
Vietnam War (R)

BOX3: Who designed the gardens at Blenheim Palace? William Kent (M)
Capability Brown (L)
Joseph Paxton (R)

BOX4: Who wrote The Naked Lunch? Allen Ginsberg (M)
Jack Kerouac (I)
William S Burroughs (A)

BOX5: Martin Sheen (pictured) played the US president in which TV show? The West Wing (E)
Scandal (O)
24 (P)

BOX6: Which Beatles album featured the song Yesterday? Please Please Me (S)
Help! (R)
Revolver (D)

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A A Milne (G)
Michael Bond (F)

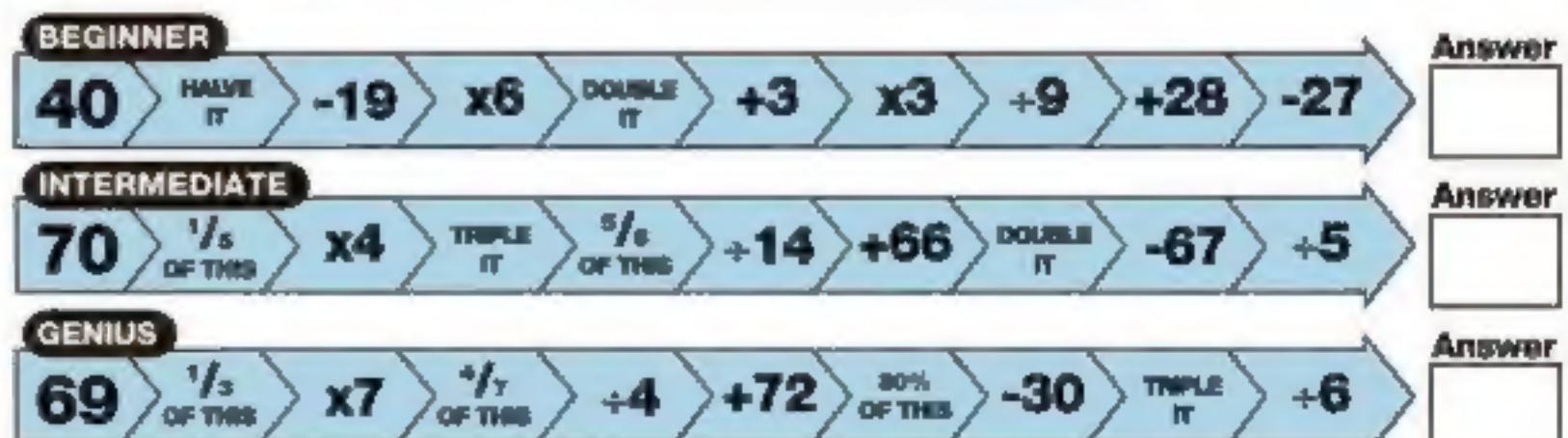
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Ringgit (A)
Rupiah (L)

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Margo (R)
Barbara (E)



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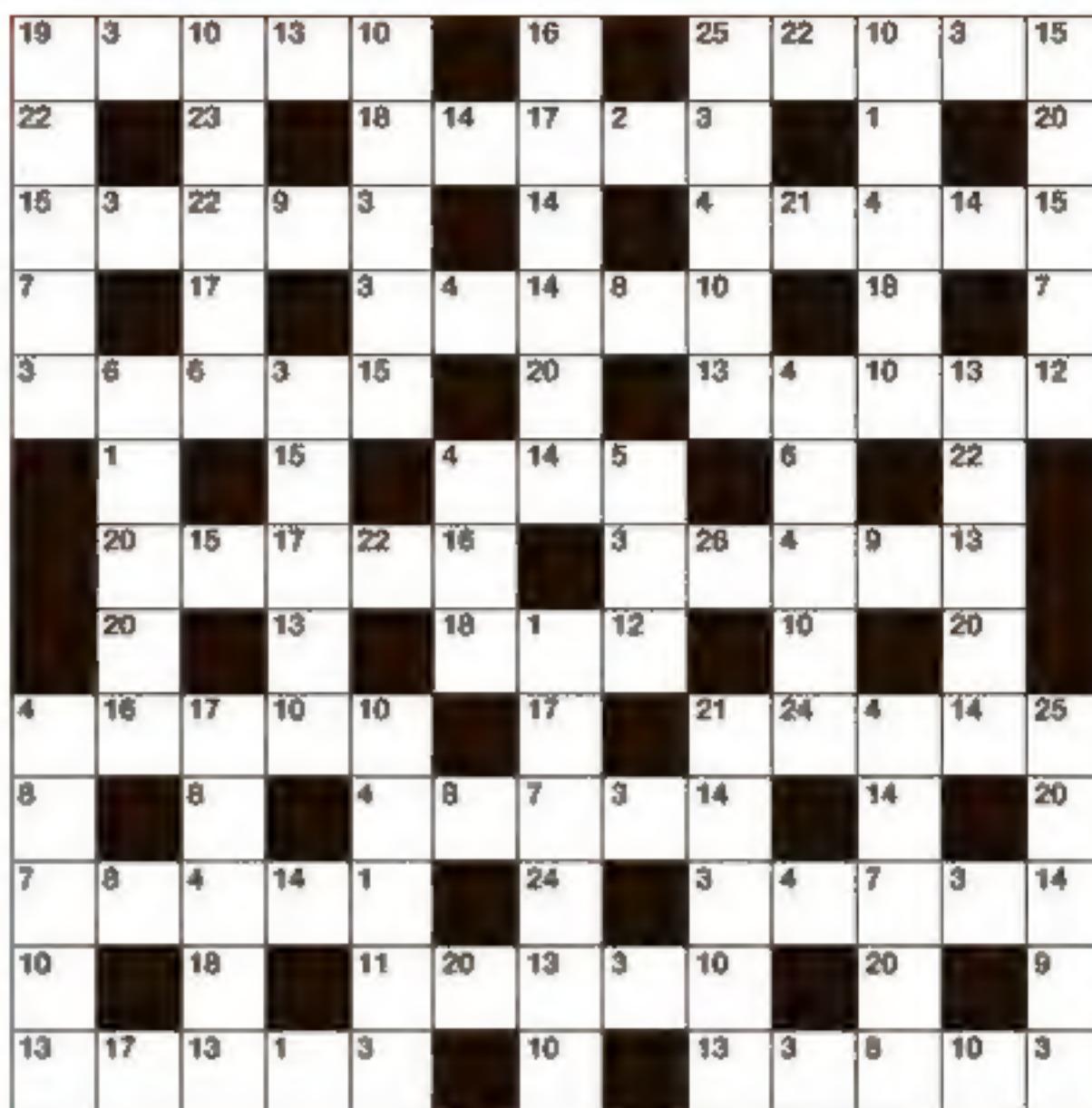
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PLUTOLATRY

- 1 Study of dwarf planets
- 2 Characteristic of rocks derived from magma
- 3 Branch of philosophy concerning truth
- 4 Worship of wealth or material possessions

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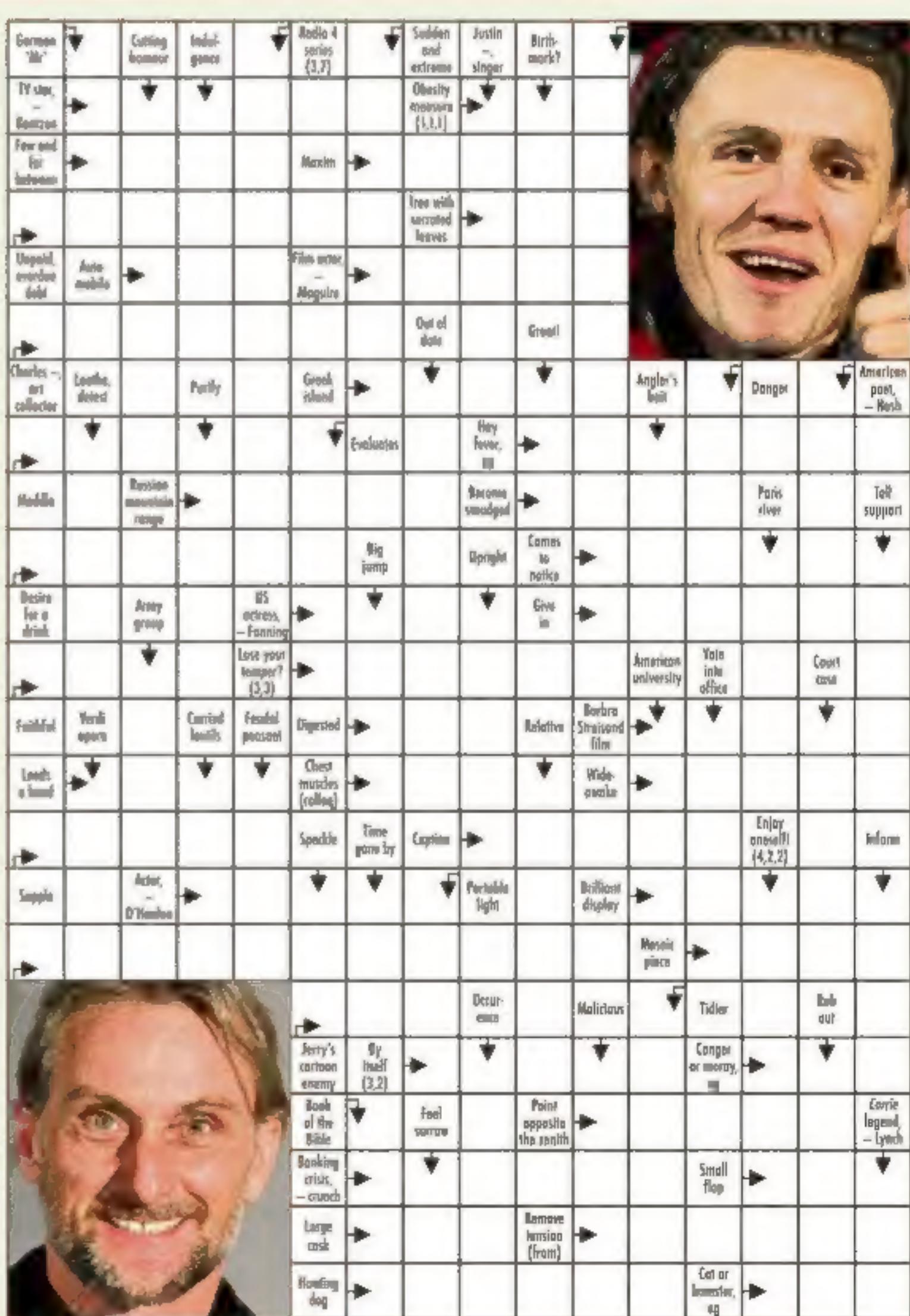
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Gemini May 22-June 21

Learning about different cultures will be liberating. Taking a cooking class or experimenting with recipes from all over the world can be incredibly enjoyable. A chance to work abroad could come about quite suddenly. Teaching English could allow you to get paid for seeing the world.

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Cancer June 22-July 23

You intuitively know the right decisions to make. Don't listen to anyone else because you are the one who will recognise the best action to take. It's important for you to take the initiative at the moment because this will stop less capable rivals from receiving the rewards you deserve.

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Leo July 24 - August 23

You're in need of a little light entertainment. A fun-loving friend will know all the good places to go. They might also suggest some interesting things you can do. A change of scene will provide a welcome distraction from routine responsibilities. Don't be surprised if you feel inspired to make changes.

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Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

Planning a reunion will be lots of fun. You will enjoy making reservations and arranging the decorations. If you hear someone discussing a restaurant or meeting place with enthusiasm, think about using this venue for your gathering. It should be fun to catch up with people you haven't seen for years.

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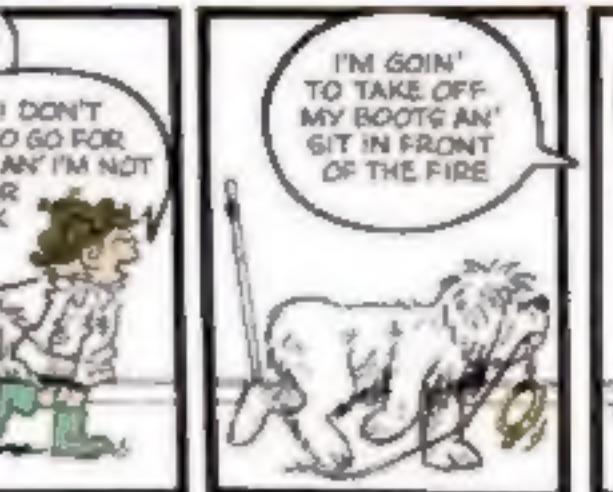
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Baking for Easter BBC Good Food daily recipe to collect

Frosted white chocolate Easter cake

A slice of this madeira-style cake is wonderful with a morning cup of tea or coffee

250g butter, plus a little extra for greasing

140g white chocolate, broken into pieces

250ml milk

1 tsp vanilla extract

250g self-raising flour

1/2 tsp bicarb of soda

300g caster sugar

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

For the frosting

300g tub Philadelphia cheese

85g butter, softened

100g icing sugar, sifted

mini eggs to decorate (or use 50g/2oz chopped hazelnuts)

white chocolate, milk and vanilla extract in a small saucepan then heat gently, stirring, until melted.

Combine the flour, bicarb and sugar in a large bowl with a pinch of salt, then stir in the melted ingredients and eggs until smooth. Pour the batter into the tin, then bake for 1 hr, or until the cake is golden and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool in the tin. Once cool, the cake can be wrapped in clingfilm and foil, then frozen for up to 1 month.

2 To make the frosting, beat together the Philadelphia, butter and icing sugar until smooth. Spread over the cake, then decorate with mini eggs.



PREP: 10
MINS
COOK: 1 HR
PLUS COOLING
SERVES 10



TOMORROW'S RECIPE: TRIPLE CHOCOLATE COOKIES